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File No. 46-93-94

Serial Nos. 1—12

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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

Serial Nos. 1—12.

Major ~~Part~~ B. for July 94.

SUBJECT.

Conduct of mr J J McDonnell Special Excise Asst Commissioner

From the Excise Commissioner
D No 3329/1268 L. no 913/117 Dt 7-9-93

Submits for consideration and orders of Govt Correspondence regarding the conduct of the Special Excise Asst Commissioner mr J Mc Donnell.

2. G. R. S. 58 From the Special Excise Asst Commissr
No 97 Dt 9. 9. 93
Encloses Copy of mr Ricketts

Docket No $\frac{925}{254}$ Dt 8.9.93 & his reply thereto No 196 Dt 9th inst and solicits that the same may be laid before Govt.

3 To the Excise Commissioner
No. A. Dt 9.9.93

Forwards the above with its enclosures to him for an immediate report

To, the Special Excise Asst Commissioner.

Forwards the copy of the above.

4 From, the Excise Commissioner
D. No $\frac{3517}{\text{G } 1336}$ L. no $\frac{958}{120}$ Dt 11.9.93

Reports on the letters of appeal to Govt from the Special Excise Asst Commissioner.

5. From, the special Asst Excise Commissioner.
D. No $\frac{3518}{\text{G } 1337}$ L. no 198 Dt 12.9.93

Reports that Mr Ricketts has sent orders to Deputy commissioners directing the detective staff to send their Diaries direct to him and directing the clerk of his office

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my letter to your reporter
on Mr Donnells conduct
with a file of cuttings
in detail, - In fact my
letter to Mr Mc D was
written subsequent to the
dispatch of my letter to you

Yrs Truly

S Mitchell

left Mrs at 5-30 PM in order

on Friday evening & was given to a clerk (Mustapha Khan) to collect the references the first thing next day, as the Chief Secretary had left office at the time ~~because~~ It should however have been sent on Saturday an omission which I much regret

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Replied Diary
That Mr Mitchell's surmise is correct & that I had not seen his letter either - Probably forwarded late yesterday afternoon while I was in the Forenoon & that I will call for it in the meanwhile & if it contains all what Mr Mitchell wished to say, the papers sent yesterday may be recalled. Then write to Mr Mitchell as mentioned above

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S. R.

SECTION

FILE No. 46-93-94 10/9/93

SERIAL No.

My dear Sir

I got a cover from you last evening, "Upon calling for report on a letter from Mrs McDonnell complaining of my relieving him from work &c. - From the nature of acting Remarks endd on the letter I conclude that he had not seen

Engineer Officer's Office
Thirteenth Census
Washington D.C.
Dec 9th 1879

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 8th inst. enclosing a letter addressed to you by Mrs. McDonnell, wife of Mr. McDonnell, Messenger in this office, and in reply to state that I have not seen

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My dear Sir

I think it will be better for me to retain the papers as I may have something more to add

Under any circumstances I will send a reply or return the papers within a day or two from tomorrow.

I have written to Gps Secretary my views as yo[illegible] I Richetts

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Note

I have carefully read the Excise Com's Report in regard to Lieut Donald, & I think that the Excise Com'r was not at all justified in virtually suspending him from office. — I do not think we should pass any orders until calling upon him to explain his conduct, & meanwhile, some such order as that shown below may be issued

"The letter read above will be forwarded to Lieut Donald with a request that he —

wee submit her
explanation within
15 days from the
date — orders
will be issued on
the receipt thereof
Meanwhile, the
Govt are construed
to remark that
there was nothing in
what her Counsel or
said that justified
their Rockets in
taking the extreme
step of virtually
suspending them
from office without
the previous order
of Govt & he wee
he requested her order to
cancel it immediately

3 Considering the
disagreement between
the above Copy
her act, the Govt

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Air satisfied
that it is not
desirable the Resp
ident in any longer
in the excise Depts
Office as he has requested
to join the ~~Ha~~ Dawson
Force & do work
under the orders of
the Chief Constable
final orders are
passed in the
case.

WL
22/9/98

Note by the Special Asst

Powers

The concluding words of the order in para 4 are to the effect " and Govt therefore direct the Cancellation of that order Govt did not themselves cancel the order but directed the Excise Comm to do it. This was also in accordance with the precedent of 1890 in the case of his predecessor

I beg respectfully to be pardoned for adding that the Excise Comm entirely mistook the true scope of the Special powers of a "Special Executive Officer" to deal with this Special

delicate and difficult work and only disregarded the Special Orders given by the Dewan in his Excellency's Special note to the Excise Comr to place me "in Special direct charge of the Distillery and Detective Branch, under the Excise Comr"

3. 2ndly The orders issued by the Excise Comr were such as would entirely preclude Detective work being successfully carried on by the "Special Officer" in the "Special manner" so as successfully carried on to secure 200 cases in 4 years. Those orders were opposed to what by practical experience proved to be the only and best mode of dealing with this work, not only

in Tanjore and also elsewhere

4 3rdly The several personal attacks made on me though serious I trust God will consider to have been fully met & rebutted but they are only of secondary importance to the most vital interests of God which were sacrificed on every point on which action was taken. A perfectly legal certain, and eminently successful mode of procedure adopted both in Coorg Madras and everywhere else was set aside and another which was given a fair and impartial trial by me, at the outset was insisted on though it had been tried and made

lamentably failed. Soonr or later Govt will very seriously feel the Consequences of this false step by the recent departure ordered by the Excise Comrs.

4thly I would most earnestly entreat Govt, irrespective of the question as it concerns me, will carefully read all the papers I have printed and see how their interests are affected, on the several very important questions raised, and how these questions have been dealt with by the Excise Comrs, and in their own interests take necessary action in the matter. The matter is urgent.—

14/8/94 { J. Gibbons
Spt Appraiser

(General Serial No. 30.)

OFFICE OF THE
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From The Excise Commissioner in Mysore

SECTION S.R.
To
PRC No. 16 - 75 - 94
The Chief Secretary to the Dewan of Mysore.
SERIAL No. 1

(1)

Dated 7th September 1893.

Despatched

Received

Enclosures No (1 file)

General No. 913
No. 117

In reply to

SUBJECT.

Submits for consideration and orders of Government, Correspondence regarding the conduct of the Special Excise assistant Commissioner Mr. McDonnell.

Gen. 11th 8/9/93

P.T.O.

References (to be entered only in the Dewan's Office).

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Excise Commissioner's Office.

No. 913 (current file) / 117 Bangalore dated 7th September/13.

(1)

From

The Excise Commissioner
in Mysore

To

The Chief Secretary to the
Dewan of Mysore

Sir,

I have the honor to submit the accompanying correspondence and papers (as per annexed list) concerning the Special Assistant Commissioner of the Excise Department. They exhibit in a startling light the extraordinary conduct and proceedings of Mr. McDonnell, and leave me no alternative but to place them before government for consideration and orders.

2. After my assumption of the
Charge

charge of this office, I directed the Special assistant Commissioner, in No. 1996/287, dated the 29th September 1892, to submit to me diaries of his work somewhat similar to those prescribed for Police Assistants and Superintendents. The Special assistant Commissioner failed to obey the order, and in trying to evade it stated in his No. 74, dated the 15th October 1892, it was unbecoming his position; but "that "an effort would be made to try "and give effect to the Excise "Commissioner's wishes."

3. My order regarding the submission of diaries was again and again repeated, and it was pointed out to the Special assistant Commissioner, in the words of Government Proceedings No. 5416-25/113, of the 14th August 1890, that it was his duty to obey and not to discuss the orders issued to him. The Special assistant Commissioner still persisted, and I believe designedly, in

in his omission to submit diaries, which kept me in complete ignorance of the actual work he was engaged upon. I had, accordingly, to stop his batta bills, pending receipt of his diaries. Thereupon, the Special assistant Commissioner sent in what he termed "reports" of his work for March & April 1893. About the same time, the Special Assistant Commissioner addressed to this office, a docket, No. 468, dated the 29th May 1893, complaining of the order requiring the Submission of diaries. To this docket and to this office reply thereto, No. 6238/960, dated 3/5th June 1893, I beg to call Special attention. The reports, it was pointed out to the Special Assistant Commissioner, were in form, not the diaries required of him, and in substance contained much that was out of place and very little that could furnish any useful information to the Excise Commissioner.

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They were accordingly returned to the Special assistant Commissioner "for resubmission in due form and with "appropiate particulars". They are not on the file, but the "reports" which the Special Assistant Commissioner says he has substituted for them in accordance with the aforesaid order, are no improvement at all, and in submitting them, the Special assistant Commissioner has disobeyed, in every particular, the orders of this office. He persists in not submitting them in form of Diaries, as directed, and he has included in them, again, matters which he was distinctly told not to include. I beg to invite also particular attention to these reports and to the Special assistant Commissioner's letter No 109, of the 14/15th August 1893. The order of this office was dated 3/5 June last, and the Special assistant Commissioner has taken two months in answering it, without a shadow of excuse or apology for the delay.

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4. It is needless to enter into any lengthened explanation of the Character of these reports and their Covering letter. In these the Special assistant Commissioner has grossly disregarded the wholesome restriction which the Government Proceedings of the 4th August 1890, placed on his insubordinate and cavilling proclivities. It was a Simple matter to Submit Diaries of his doings "day by day;" but instead of doing this, it is pitiful to notice how dates and duties have been confusedly mixed up by the Special Assistant Commissioner, and to find, though expressly informed in the letter returning the first "reports," that the fact that the Special assistant Commissioner "went to see the Excise Commissioner, without effect," was out of place in a Diary, Similar remarks in the Special Assistant Commissioner's Substituted "reports"

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"reports" viz "Called on Excise
"Commissioner without effect".
"Asked to wait on the Excise
"Commissioner urgently on the 3rd,
"in re detective work, illicit distillation
"and contraband trade. Interview
"declined." "Discussed work in writing
"with abortive results." In fact
the Substituted "reports", which,
again it may be noted, are not
diaries, but are full of scarce-veiled
insubordinate criticisms of my
orders and method of administration
of the arrack department in its
Detective branch.

5. It may here be remarked
that I have granted Mr. McDonnell
several interviews. His infirmity
of great deafness necessitates almost
shouting when speaking to him, and
even then it is evident that he has
not heard or understood all that
was said to him. Thus the position
becomes one of a listener not to
business-like and brief suggestions,

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but to interminable, and petty minded effusions, himself being the central figure, whom alone I am to depend upon and consult. The effort of shouting and the sacrifice of time involved in listening to lengthy tirades with little or nothing of practical value, led me to substitute Demi official correspondence with the Special assistant Commissioner, but this had to shortly cease, as, under the veil of confidential or private, long effusions were written attacking Subordinates and going to the length of giving me in effect, insubordinate advice. Then came the stage of official correspondence, leading, if anything, to more deplorable results.

6. It may not be out of place here to refer to two instances of objectionable conduct on the part of the Special assistant Commissioner. He wrote to the Sheristadar of the Excise Commissioner's office a memo. conceived in very bad taste and couched

Couched in language most unbecoming the position of a graded officer. In this memo occurs the following:- "Government have delegated me to "do the Toddy work, and if "Government have passed any "order transferring that work from "the Special assistant Commissioner "to Excise Sheristadar, that order "should have been communicated "to me by your master in common "Courtesy." The "master" above referred to is evidently myself. It is obvious that, if the Special assistant Commissioner had any fault to find with the Excise Sheristadar, he should have reported the matter to me and not forgotten himself so far as to write such a memo. The Special assistant Commissioner was ordered so far back as 8/10 June 1893, to withdraw the said memo; but he has not done so. On another occasion, the Special assistant Commissioner's action savored of an attempt to bring about a difference of opinion

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3/ opinion between myself and a Deputy
Commissioner. The Special Assistant
Commissioner suggested to the above
Deputy Commissioner in an official
docket that a certain appointment
which I filled up, was not in my
gift, but in that of the Deputy
Commissioner, and that "Excise
"Commissioner may be informed
"that the Deputy Commissioner regrets
"he cannot take Rama Char as desired".
Conduct like this is wanting in
propriety, and betrays a disloyalty
which may be said to be in keeping
with the general tenor of his conduct,
as indicated in the correspondence
now under review. The records belonging
to both these instances are among the
papers submitted with this communication.

7. The worst instance of official
fault and misbehaviour on the
part of the Special Assistant Commissioner
is yet to come. He was placed
in charge of the Detective operations
then, and now concentrated in the
Malnad Districts. He commenced
with

with making suggestions which did not commend themselves to me. Certain of these suggestions are contained in the Special assistant Commissioner's letter of the 20th March 1893, No. 316. This letter and my reply in shape of an official memo, No. 5352/837, dated 7th/11 April 1893, are with the papers submitted with this. The above official memo and also the communications copies whereof were submitted to government with my letter No. 2821/139, dated 21st November 1892, clearly lay down the lines on which the Special assistant Commissioner was to act. From my long connection with the Police Department and knowledge of the evils of Informers and Secret Service money, I had no doubt as to the proper procedure to be followed. However this may be, no other Course was open to the Special assistant Commissioner, but to obey.

8. It is necessary here to digress a little. I was at liberty to assign to the Special assistant Commissioner such

such work as I thought proper.
detective work was allotted to the
Special assistant Commissioner at
his own request. Certain arrangements
of my predecessor were altered
with reference to the wishes of
the Special assistant Commissioner,
added to his representations of the
alarming extent of illicit distillation
in the Malnad. In fact the whole
detective force was concentrated
there. Then the Special assistant
Commissioner was directed to make
the Malnad his Head Quarters, so
as to more effectually Supervise
operations on the Spot, and stamp
out, as it were, this illicit distillation
The Special assistant Commissioner
thereupon pleaded his inability
to do so from bad health, and
even urged that his life would
be in danger, or there would
be great bodily risks at the
hands of excited and intoxicated
Lumbanees, if caught red-handed
in illicit distillation. Then came
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an application for 3 months leave.
After his return from leave, the
efficacy of a Diary became
apparent. On such a Diary I
could have followed the movements
of the Special assistant Commissioner
day by day, and watched with
deep interest the effects of his
Campaign against illicit distillers.
But the "reports" of the Special
assistant Commissioner are noticeable
for almost studied silence on
the Subject of what should have
been his main and engrossing
work.

9. After receipt of my official
Memo of 7th April 1893, the "report"
of the Special assistant Commissioner
contain references to what may
be termed irregular criticisms
of my policy in detective matters,
and allusions to his discussions
with deputy Commissioners in
regard to the difficulties of
executing it, and his interpretation

No 5352/837

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or rather misinterpretation of the same to the Subordinate staff. Instead of grappling with difficulties, the Special assistant Commissioner only urges them in a distorted form, added to the following crowning act of folly and grave breach of discipline. The Special assistant Commissioner takes a petition of Combined remonstrance from the Detective assistant Supervisors of the Shimoga District protesting against my order prohibiting the employment of informers and payments of rewards to them from the Secret Service funds, in every case. I am not prepared to assert with certainty that the Special assistant Commissioner instigated this improper combination of the Subordinates, yet the sentiments expressed, the arguments urged and the words used, supply internal evidence of a highly suggestive character. Even if the Special assistant Commissioner did

did not directly incite the preparation of the combined petition, the course he pursued in dealing with it was fatal to discipline, and calculated to demoralise the subordinate staff. The last sentence in the combined petition. "If, therefore, in giving effect "to the Excise Commissioner's orders, "satisfactory practical results are "not shown, we beg we may not "be blamed," deserves special notice. This is a mild revolt; and the special assistant commissioner in espousing its cause, betrays a most serious lack of sense of duty and propriety. The deputy commissioner of Shimoga, whose communication is among the papers, rightly takes exception to the course which the special assistant commissioner took in forwarding this petition with his support.

10. One of the duties assigned to the special assistant commissioner by Government Proceedings No. 5416-25, 113, dated

+ Plus Any others cited

dated 14th August 1890, was
"as a rule himself to do the Inspection"
"of the city and Station of Bangalore."
My predecessor in office called
his attention to this part of his duties
and required him to submit diaries
of his inspection. Mr. Vijayendra Row
more than once reminded him of
it, but to no avail. This culpable
omission on the part of the Special
assistant Commissioner would
have been earlier noticed had he
obeyed orders regarding the submission
of Diaries.

11. The facts above described, suffice
to show the nature of the help
or rather resistance offered to me
by my Special assistant Commissioner.
The climax was reached when
the Special assistant Commissioner,
in forwarding what may be
termed his substituted "reports,"
referred to in the 2d para 2 of
this letter, says (para 8 of his letter
to Excise Commissioner No 109, dated
14th August 1893), "I therefore again

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"Solicit you will be good enough to
"pass my travelling allowance bills,
"as I had to borrow money and
"pay heavy interest thereon to do
"my work up to this time, and will
"not be able to leave Head Quarters
"again for want of funds, as I have
"exhausted all my resources".

Such stoppage is entirely due to
his own fault. Any Police or Forest
officer or even Subordinates of the
above departments and of the
Excise department, could have
told him how a diary was to be
written, what to contain and
what not to contain; yet the
Special assistant Commissioner
Contumaciously refused to Comply
with clear orders on the Subject.
Mr. McDonell has thus virtually
Struck work. He is impracticable-
His gross insubordination and
defiance of orders set a very bad
example to Subordinates and the
public Service generally. His services
were not wanted in the Central
office, and hence he was deputed
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to outside detective work, where he has been positively obstructive. In these circumstances, he has been directed to abstain from any further work and await the orders of Government on this communication. The physical infirmities to which he appears to be a constant victim, added to his incurable deafness, would appear to constitute valid grounds for his retirement from the Public Service.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant

L Micketts

Excise Commissioner

in Mysore

List of papers Submitted to Government with this office letter No. 913/117 dated 18th September 1893.

No.	Date	From	To
		Enclosures to Sl 1	
		Original Papers	
3	28-8-1892	Excise assistant Comr.	Excise Comr.
714	15-10-92	Do	Do
1519-39	1-12-92	Inspector General of Police	Do
310 with 1 enclosure	7th March/93	Excise asstt. Comr.	Do
316	20-3-93	Do	Do
385 with 2 enclosures	3-5-93	Do	Do
468	29-5-93	Do	Do
	2d June/93	Do	Excise Shirastadar
109 with 3 enclosures nos 106, 107 + 108 of 4-6-93	4-8-93/15	Do	Excise Comr.
125	15-8-93	Do	Do
126	15-8-93	Do	Do
127	15-8-93	Do	Do
128 with 2 enclosures	15-8-93	Do	Do
185	26th August/93 1st Septr/93	Do	Do

Copies

2687 / 174	3-9-90	Excise Comr:	Special asstt: Comr:
3012 / 243	16-10-90	Do	Do
3163 / 299	27-11-90 / 4-12	Do	Do
—	—	A memorandum from the Special Asstt: Comr: with the Excise Comr's reply at the foot D/ 17/6/92	Special Asstt: Comr
359 / 40	7-7-92	Copy of Excise Comr's official memorandum No 324-31/7, D/ 4/7/92	Do
1398 / 208	9-9-92	Excise Comr:	Do
1543-50 / 35	15/16-9-92	Do	Dy: Comrs of districts
1996 / 287	29-9-92	Do	Spl: Asstt: Comr: ~~Do~~
2278 / 417	20-10-92	Do	Do
2296 / 419	22-10-92	Do	Do
2817 / 500	21-11-92	Do	Do
3163-243 / 37	9-12-92	Do	All Excise officials
4052-78 / 113	25-1-93	Do	Dy: Comrs of districts & Excise officials
4996 / 775	14-3-93	Do	Spl: Asstt: Comr:
5352 / 837	7/11-4-93	Do	Do
5843 / 913	6/10-5-93	Do	Do
1647	30-5-93	Dy: Comr: Kadur	Excise Comr

3361/270 with connected correspondence	31-5-93	Dy: Comr Shimoga	Excise Comr.
6335/984	8/10-6-93	Excise Comr:	Special Asstt: Comr:
6337/132	8-6-93	do	Dy: Comr: Kadur
6238/960	3/5-6-93	do	Spl asstt: Comr:
3544/294 Part 2	2 orders dated 23-6-93	Dy: Comr: Shimoga	Ex: Comr
7	30-6-93	Excise Comr	Dy: Comr Shimoga

Excise Comr's office
7th September 1893

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Office of the Excise Commissioner
in Mysore

Bangalore, dated 25th January 1893

Enclosure to
Circular Order No. 4052-74 dl 1/a
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Under Sections 24, 26, 27, 28, 29 and 32 of the Excise Act and 14 and 22 of the Opium Act, all the members of the Executive Excise Staff, both General and Detective, are responsible for the prevention and detection of crime under the said Acts. General Assistant Supervisors and Testers should, as far as possible assist Detective Asstt Supervisors in their work.

2 In the Districts in which no separate Detective Asstt Supervisors exist, the duty of detecting illicit distillation, smuggling of contraband liquor &c must be performed by the members of the General Staff, in addition to the general duties.

for Excise Commissioner
in Mysore

To

The Deputy Commissioners of Districts
in General and Detective Asstt
Supervisors

7/11 April 1893.

No. 5352/837

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Official Memo.

Read:— Enclosure to Sl/ 1/b

Letter No 316, dated 20th March 1893, from the Special Excise Assistant Commissioner, in re Temporary Detective assistant Supervisor Paka-Sam No and Detective Staff.

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1. The paras 1 to 9 which are unnecessarily diffuse, call for no answer, as the matter is settled, and must not be brought up again.

2. In regard to para 10, the Excise Commissioner himself would not think of working except in full concert and cordial co-operation of the Deputy Commissioners and the Special Excise assistant commissioner is hereby instructed to act likewise. All Deputy Commissioners know what Secret detective measures mean, and they must be fully apprized of all that is going

going on. It may be possible that the urgency of any particular case may require immediate action. But the Special Excise Assistant Commissioner would be wanting in courtesy and in subordination to Deputy Commissioners if he did not take an early opportunity of apprizing the Deputy Commissioners of what he had done. In fact this is the course to be pursued by Mr. McDonell.

3. As regards subordination of the members of the detective staff to the Deputy Commissioners, the Excise Commissioner has only to observe that, if they are not implicitly obedient and attentive to the orders and wishes of the Deputy Commissioners, they will at once meet with suitable punishment.

4. To liken the comparatively petty detective work of the Excise Department to heinous criminal cases in where the Police have at times to enlist the help of miscreants of the deepest dye, is an error. Men of bad

character

Characters must be eliminated from the Service of Government in the detective branch. Such men must not be allowed to remain in the staff to taint and disgrace the department. In rare instances, informers and the like may be paid out of the Secret Service funds; but beyond merely tolerating their services, they are not to be further countenanced.

To The Secretary to Treasury (Sd) - L. Ricketts

Excise Commissioner
in Mysore

/Copy/
L Ricketts
Excise Commissioner

No: 3/6

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As regards paras 1 to 5 which do not require any reply, no answer is called for.

From Special Assistant Excise Commissioner's Office in special direct charge of the Detective Branch

Kolar 20 March 1893.

To The Secretary to the Government of Mysore

Sir

As regards the matter in para 6 of your letter No: 3/6 dated 14th instant I have the honour to report that I have no objection to the proposal to abolish the post of Special Assistant Excise Commissioner in direct charge of the Detective Branch

Consequent on the abolition of the post of Special Assistant Excise Commissioner in direct charge of the Detective Branch, I have the honour to submit the following proposals for the re-organization of the Detective Establishment.

1. The Detective Establishment should consist of a permanent staff and a temporary staff.

2. The permanent staff should consist of 4 Assistant Superintendents and 6 Assistant Superintendents on temporary appointment.

3. The permanent staff should be employed in the Head Quarters Office and in the Districts of Bangalore, Kolar, Tumkur and Mysore.

4. The temporary staff should be employed in the Districts of Shimoga, Hassan, Kadur, Chitaldrug, Tumkur and Kolar.

5. The permanent staff should be employed in the detection of offences under the Excise Rules and in the supervision of the work of the temporary staff.

6. The temporary staff should be employed in the detection of offences under the Excise Rules and in the supervision of the work of the Excise Police.

7. The permanent staff should be employed for a period of 3 years and the temporary staff for a period of 2 years.

8. The permanent staff should be employed on a salary of Rs: 150 per mensem and the temporary staff on a salary of Rs: 100 per mensem.

9. The permanent staff should be provided with a horse allowance of Rs: 30 per mensem and the temporary staff with a horse allowance of Rs: 20 per mensem.

10. The permanent staff should be provided with travelling allowance at the rate of Rs: 10 per diem when on tour and the temporary staff at the rate of Rs: 8 per diem when on tour.

11. The permanent staff should be provided with a conveyance allowance of Rs: 20 per mensem and the temporary staff with a conveyance allowance of Rs: 15 per mensem.

12. The permanent staff should be provided with a house rent allowance of Rs: 30 per mensem and the temporary staff with a house rent allowance of Rs: 20 per mensem.

13. The permanent staff should be provided with a uniform allowance of Rs: 10 per mensem and the temporary staff with a uniform allowance of Rs: 8 per mensem.

14. The permanent staff should be provided with a medical allowance of Rs: 5 per mensem and the temporary staff with a medical allowance of Rs: 4 per mensem.

15. The permanent staff should be provided with a leave allowance of Rs: 10 per mensem and the temporary staff with a leave allowance of Rs: 8 per mensem.

16. The permanent staff should be provided with a pension allowance of Rs: 10 per mensem and the temporary staff with a pension allowance of Rs: 8 per mensem.

17. The permanent staff should be provided with a gratuity allowance of Rs: 10 per mensem and the temporary staff with a gratuity allowance of Rs: 8 per mensem.

18. The permanent staff should be provided with a provident fund allowance of Rs: 10 per mensem and the temporary staff with a provident fund allowance of Rs: 8 per mensem.

19. The permanent staff should be provided with a life insurance allowance of Rs: 10 per mensem and the temporary staff with a life insurance allowance of Rs: 8 per mensem.

20. The permanent staff should be provided with a medical attendance allowance of Rs: 5 per mensem and the temporary staff with a medical attendance allowance of Rs: 4 per mensem.

21. The permanent staff should be provided with a funeral allowance of Rs: 10 per mensem and the temporary staff with a funeral allowance of Rs: 8 per mensem.

22. The permanent staff should be provided with a retiring allowance of Rs: 10 per mensem and the temporary staff with a retiring allowance of Rs: 8 per mensem.

23. The permanent staff should be provided with a compensation allowance of Rs: 10 per mensem and the temporary staff with a compensation allowance of Rs: 8 per mensem.

24. The permanent staff should be provided with a gratuity allowance of Rs: 10 per mensem and the temporary staff with a gratuity allowance of Rs: 8 per mensem.

25. The permanent staff should be provided with a provident fund allowance of Rs: 10 per mensem and the temporary staff with a provident fund allowance of Rs: 8 per mensem.

26. The permanent staff should be provided with a life insurance allowance of Rs: 10 per mensem and the temporary staff with a life insurance allowance of Rs: 8 per mensem.

27. The permanent staff should be provided with a medical attendance allowance of Rs: 5 per mensem and the temporary staff with a medical attendance allowance of Rs: 4 per mensem.

28. The permanent staff should be provided with a funeral allowance of Rs: 10 per mensem and the temporary staff with a funeral allowance of Rs: 8 per mensem.

29. The permanent staff should be provided with a retiring allowance of Rs: 10 per mensem and the temporary staff with a retiring allowance of Rs: 8 per mensem.

30. The permanent staff should be provided with a compensation allowance of Rs: 10 per mensem and the temporary staff with a compensation allowance of Rs: 8 per mensem.

I have the honour to be
Sir
Your most obedient servant
Special Assistant Excise Commissioner
in direct charge of the Detective Branch

was selected and nominated temporary Detective Assistant Superintendent on the temporary Schedule and General Assistant Superintendent Ramgya Naidu was temporarily promoted under the orders of Government above quoted to simply hold the post temporarily vacated by Rakkasam Naidu.

3. The detective work devolving on the General staff is distinct in every degree from that cast out for the men specially enlisted as detectives. From your experience, as Inspector General of Police, you are well aware of the distinction to which I have alluded here. As a matter of fact the duties of a member of the Excise General staff are confined to certain necessary and special functions of an ordinary character, and he cannot really do any detective work without detriment to those general duties. He has been distinctly told to attend to those general duties first, and then to detective work afterwards. Hence the separation of the two branches & the appointment of two different classes of men. The work of the "detective" is special. It requires the devotion of his whole time thereto, and he must have special ability to cope with it successfully. Every man is not a born detective. It is a special talent. It can be developed by training to a more or less extent in some natures, but is wholly absent in others. It was to draw out this talent and establish a regular corps of Excise Detectives from the General staff that

that the Government order was contemplated to achieve. You have acknowledged the force of this distinction when you were pleased to rule in the note made at the foot of the memo of appointments made in the detective branch (vide para 3) which runs as follows.

"Those Officers found
"wanting in detective ability
"will be relegated to the General
"Branch. If found idle
"and careless they will be
"dismissed".

Sir K. Shashadri Iyer approved of the recommendation of yours.

4. I have personally explained to you how the order of Government of 1890 was treated a dead letter in the first instance and the funds eventually applied thereafter to enhance the salaries of the General staff of mediocrities who vegetated in the maidan talugs, while the successful and real detective who carried his life in his hands daily, and risked it besides in an inclement and inclusions climate, was deprived of the emoluments specially sanctioned by Government in his behalf. You were convinced of this and with the approval of His Excellency Sir Shashadri Iyer you separated the two branches.

5. You clearly indicated the position of the two Officers now under adverse Rules as affected by the order of Government above quoted when effecting the postings in your memo No: 311/34 dated 11th July 1912 quoted in in the margin. Taking that order of Government and those passed by you on it, it will be clearly seen that as ruled

(A) "Rangya Naidu to continue as 2nd Grade
"General Assistant Superintendent Cuddapah
"district temporarily on Rs 50+15 = 65
"during the temporary employment
"of Prakasam Naidu as Detective
"Assistant Superintendent or until
"further orders."

by Government in para 6 the postings are to be considered as of a "tentative measure". Rangya Naidu's appointment is therefore most certainly not "virtually permanently made". This I respectfully and most humbly submit is not the case but the reverse.

6. Assistant Supervisor Prakasam has done his best to work up illicit distillation cases but unfortunately for him he, like one or two others, does not possess the bump of detective talent inborn in him, and an trial it has been found impracticable to develop that bump in his cranium. His case therefore clearly falls under para 3 of your order afore quoted in para 3 of this letter, and in addition he has been found on medical grounds unfit for the work out out for the regular detective force. From my past experience of this Officer I must say that he will be an acquisition to the General department in which he has rendered efficient and excellent service at Head Quarters and in the Bangalore district. Under these circumstances I therefore respectfully solicit he may be relegated to the General department and to the permanent post he still holds therein, and now only temporarily occupied by Rangya Naidu, vide extract of your order quoted in para 3 of this letter.

7. The case of Guru Rao, I beg to state is entirely different. He belongs to the permanent Detective staff and not to the temporary branch. I am giving him now a trial - I am doing what I can to gauge his detective ability. If I find him unequal to do his work

he will have to be relegated to the General or Revenue Branch, or retired. His work in the detective line, upto the, has been very unsatisfactory.

8. If a proposal has been made to Government to confirm the 6 temporary Detective hands and their subordinate staff, I respectfully solicit it may be recalled. I find that some radical changes will have to be made in its constitution and on this point I am addressing you separately.

9. As regards para 3 of your memo under reply I beg to state that there is a permanent vacancy at Head Quarters, consequent on the appointment of Sy. Idrisha Row as Toddy Darogha of the Tumkur district and my memo of appointments made for your approval, was simply to provide for those hands who are on the temporary staff and who has rendered efficient services to Government. This is a course usually adopted in such cases. Mr Castellio's case is subordinate to that of Macarenas. The latter has the best claim to the present post. If Mr Pereira has to revert to his permanent post Mr Castellio's case will have to be treated as that of a "supernumerary" till he can be permanently provided for otherwise and allowed to do duty as Head Quarters Tester or in any other post temporarily vacant then.

10. Adverting to para 5 of your letter I beg most respectfully to state that the Detective Branch has been constituted by Government as distinct from the "General Branch". The letter has been transferred to the Deputy Commissioner. His Excellency Sir Shankadri Iyer was pleased in his "note" to you on joining the Excise Commissioner's Office, to

lay down that I was to be considered as having "Special direct charge of the Detective Branch under the Excise Commissioner". For the constitution of this force and its satisfactory working it is of primary importance that it should be made secret and effective, and its action made as little public as possible - May more that its movements in certain instances may not be known to anyone but the officer who is responsible for its working and who has been therefore "specially" entrusted with the "direct" control thereof. This will not be the case if the force is placed under the Deputy Commissioner i.e to say under many different heads instead of one. I am separately addressing you on this subject of secrecy and the case there given is a case in point. If the force is placed under the control of the deputy Commissioner I would have to go from one Deputy Commissioner to another and tell him of each change or move I make and wait his approval. It would be inadvisable and would defeat the object aimed at if I were to do so. I would be virtually informing the whole district and the Revenue and Police Department in particular, of what I was doing. This in the interests of the Excise Branch it would be essentially necessary to successful detection that I should not do. This has specially been the case of the Mahad. You will see from recent events, that will be brought to your notice, shortly, that in the case of one of my best detectives neither the Deputy Commissioner of Kaira nor Khimoji can want him. A man in the Detective work must be judged by his detective work alone. Experience

has shown that the most consummate scoundrels are, from their familiarity with crime, and its surroundings, enlisted as, and have proved the best detectives. I will do my best, and am doing it now to inculcate a moral tone and improve the character of the men in my force. But I must respectfully submit I must be allowed a free hand to choose my agents, in the line of work cut out for me by Government, not because they are "saints" but "sinners".

11. Para 4 of your letter if read in conjunction with the extract above quoted from Sir Shashadri Iyer's "note", will I humbly trust convince you that I had the power under the circumstances, to call on the medical officer for an opinion of one of the detectives given into my special direct charge by Government.

12. In conclusion I most humbly entreat that you will be graciously pleased to read this letter calmly and that you will consider it, made by me as if I were your personal assistant, as in reality I am, and explaining the different points touched on, as I have done so often personally to you, and solely in the interests of the Excise Department, and not as if it personally affects me in any way. I would also once more entreat you will be kindly pleased to hear and discuss such changes as, personally, with me, before passing finial orders in the matter. This will save you much trouble and bother and obviate your being misled by the office as in this, and in former cases, connected with these

appointment and the special work
entrusted to me by Government.

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your most obedient

[signature]

Special Asst. Excise Commissioner
in special direct charge of the
Detective Branch

the Deputy Commissioners for perusal
and the remarks of the Deputy Commissioners are
Communicated to this office or are copies also to
Deputy Commissioners separately direct from this

2 Diaries are received fortnightly bi-monthly. They will
on receipt and any omissions or errors of a routine nature
will be pointed out and the Diary returned to the office
Concerned for explanation or rectification - The whole
Diaries for each District will be reviewed Quarterly and
thereof sent to you: I solicit the favor similar orders as in
the case of Returns, on the review of the Diaries, so far as the
Deputy Commissioners are concerned.

3 The demands against the Arrack Contractors
are sent in monthly by me.

4 I solicit the Contractors may be kindly requested
to send in the original copy of the Ganja accounts by the
each month to this office and the duplicate to the Excise Commissioner
office, to enable the demand, as therein exhibited being made on the
Contractors, on or before the 15th. The original Ganja accounts
will be checked with the accounts from Wholesale vendors and Lessees
and the actual results will be reported so that any further Cha
or over-payments, if any, made, may be adjusted thereafter in
due course, in your office.

5 I solicit the favor of your orders being kindly
given the foregoing points.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient Servant

[illegible]
Excise Assistant Commissioner

B/R

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From

The Excise Commissioner
in Mysore.

To

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The Excise assistant Commissioner
in Mysore.
Enclosure to Sl

Dated 3rd September 1890.

No. $\frac{2687}{174}$.

His letter No. 3 dated 28th Ultimo

The following instructions should be observed in the submission of the returns and Diaries

(1) The Assistant Commissioners half yearly reviews on the Testers' Returns and Supervisors' reports should be submitted to the Deputy Commissioners direct, the annual provincial returns and reports alone being submitted to this office.

(2) The Diaries received, should be checked

checked and submitted to this Office for such orders as the Excise Commissioner may deem necessary to issue (Government Proceedings No. 5416-25/113, dated 14th Ultimo)

(3) The Special reports of the detection of illicit distillation, unauthorized opium cultivation or smuggling, and any cases of grave nature should be submitted to this office.

(4) The monthly detailed Registers of issues of liquor from the Central Distillery intended for the Excise Commissioner's and Dewan's offices, as well as the extracts and summaries thereof for transmission to the Collector, Civil and Military Station, Comptroller, Deputy Commissioners and Cantonment Contractors, must be carefully prepared, compared and checked in the Assistant-Commissioner's Office before submission to this Office.

(5) The original Ganja account received from the Contractors, will be passed on to the Assistant Commissioner for comparison and check, and report of the results to this office. No duplicate is required.

(6) A fortnightly diary of the Assistant Commissioner's inspections of the shops in the town and its Cantonment should be submitted to the Excise Commissioner.

(Sd) R. Vijayendra Rao

Excise Commissioner
in Mysore

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S Shukla
Excise Commissioner

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From

The Excise Commissioner
in Mysore

To Enclosure to Sl 1

The Excise Assistant Commissioner
in Mysore.

Dated 27th November / 4th December 1890.

No. 3163/299.

Draws attention to para 6 of this office No. 2687/174, dated 3rd September 1890, and requests that his diaries of inspections of the shops in the city and station of Bangalore from September last, may be submitted without further delay.

(Sd) R. Vijayendra Row

Excise Commissioner
in Mysore

Copy /

L Ricketts

Excise Commissioner

From

The Excise Commissioner
in Mysore

To

The Excise Assistant Commissioner
Bangalore

Enclosure to Sd/

Dated 16/17th October 1890.

No. 3012/243

Draws attention to Government Proceedings No. 5416-25/113, dated 14th August 1890, para 4, and requests that his diaries of inspection of the city and station shops may be forwarded for perusal at once.

(Sd) R. Vijayendra Row

Excise Commissioner
in Mysore

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Excise Commissioner

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From

The Excise Commissioner
in Mysore

To

The Special Excise Assistant
Commissioner, in Mysore

Enclosure to Sl

Dated 9th September 1892

No. 1398/208

It has come to notice that in each and every case of illicit distillation, bills are sent by Detective officers for payment of money from Secret Service fund, and that, as soon as one or two cases are detected by an officer, he claims rewards and promotions. The Detective staff has been specially organized to prevent and detect crime under the Excise and Opium acts, and it is the duty of all Excise officers to prevent and detect crime under the said acts. Each Detective assistant Supervisor is provided with an assistant Tester and

and two peons, and the assistant Supervisor and his establishment are paid specially to detect cases of illicit distillation and smuggling of liquor. One of his peons or the assistant Tester must go about in undress or disguise, and trace out the scenes of such crime. It is not creditable to the Detective staff that no cases of illicit distillation have been detected without money being spent.

2. The practice of Detective Officers to apply for promotion or reward on detecting one or two cases, must not be tolerated. If any official has shown more than ordinary zeal, tact and ability combined with honesty, in the detection of cases of more than ordinary difficulty, which an officer in the Detective staff must expect to meet with, the Excise Asst Commissioner should make a special report of such cases to the Excise Commissioner.

3. It is very desirable that the Excise Assistant Commissioner in charge should, from time to time, accompany Detective officers to the scenes of crime and watch their proceedings

(sd) L. Ricketts.

Excise Commissioner
in Mysore

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L Ricketts
Excise Commissioner

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From

The Excise Commissioner
in Mysore.

To

Enclosures 1 & 1 Sl.

The Deputy Commissioners
of Districts

Dated 15/16th September 1892

No. 1543-50/35

I have the honor to point out that there is reason to believe that village officials including Police Patels, Potters, Talaries and Nirgantees do not recognize their responsibilities to put down illicit distillation and importation of contraband liquor and drugs. Even at times they connive at such malpractices, especially when the offenders happen to be their servants or laborers. Request therefore that they may be warned that it is their bounden duty to bring the offenders to justice, on pain, in default, of being severely fined or dismissed. Such of the officials

as

as render Special Service in this respect, will be suitably rewarded.

2. The great loss to the Excise Revenue by illicit distillation and importation of contraband liquor and drugs, is not the only consideration, for the offenders who get cheap liquor by illicit distillation are generally drunkards, and ready for any crime, especially robbery and dacoity; and they grow more and more daring as they go on with their lawless acts, unchecked and unpunished.

3. The undersigned trusts to the Deputy Commissioner's cordial Coopera-tion in this matter.

(Sd) L. Ricketts

Excise Commissioner
in Burma

/ Copy /
L Ricketts
Excise Commissioner

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From

The Excise Commissioner,
in Mysore

To

J. G. Mc. Donnell Esqre
Special Excise Assistant
Commissioner, in Mysore

Enclosure to Sl. 1

Dated 29th September 1892

No. 1996/287

Rule XXVIII in part III of Govern=ment Notification No. 495, dated 30th March 1892

Requests that the Special Excise Assistant Commissioner will from 1st October 1892, Submit to the Excise Commissioner, Diaries of the duties performed by him, somewhat in Similar to those submitted to the Inspector General of Police by Superin=tendents and Asst Superintendents of Police.

(Sd) T. Abdul Karim
for Excise Commissioner
in Mysore

/Copy/
L Ricketts
Excise Commissioner

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(General Serial No. 30.)

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From
The Excise Assistant Commissioner
in Impara

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To
The Excise Commissioner
Enclosed to in Impara
SL1

Dated 15th October 1892

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Enclosures No.

General No. 74
No.

His No: 1996/286 of 29th September 1892

1. In reply have the honor to state that the rule quoted evidently applies to the Lubandi-nake executive staff of the Excise Department and not to officers on the graded list.

2. Mr. Puttannah Chetty has been asked to let the Excise Assistant Commissioner see some of the diaries of Police Superintendents and Assistant Superintendents and a copy of the instructions which guide them in the work entrusted for them and the form their diaries take, and an effort will be made to try and give effect to the Excise Commissioner's wishes.

3. In the meantime respectfully

Solicits action may be kindly permitted to be deferred till his return from 3 months' privilege leave. Government have not yet, moreover passed orders defining the charges to be held by the Excise Assistant Commissioner and the duties he is expected to perform at the Distillery, in the Excise Commissioner's Office, and in the detective line so that he may clearly know what is expected of him in the 1st instance and the Excise Commissioner may rest assured he will do his level best to please him to the utmost of his power.

4. It may here be stated that the special work cut out for the undersigned in Govt. Proceedings Nos. 1619–29 dd. 12th April 1892, has not yet been completed. In the Districts of Mymensing and Sunderbuns the lines on which Government want District Officers to work appear to be viewed in a different light by them. The latter officer has applied to see the Excise Commissioner on the 26th instant. The reports of both District officers are now before the Excise Commissioner and Govt. and it is necessary that one more visit be paid to each of the other 6 Districts ere the work entrusted to the Excise Assistant Commissioner can be brought to a close.

5. Solicits a copy of this reply and the Excise Commissioner's orders, may be kindly sent to Government for favour of early disposal of the points raised.

Excise Assistant Commissioner
in Mymensing

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From

The Excise Commissioner
in Impose

To Enclosure to
SL 1

The Special Excise Assistant
Commissioner, in Impose.

Dated 20th October 1892

No 2278
417

This office No 1996/287, dated 29th ult. in September 1892, asking the Special Excise Assistant Commissioner to Submit Diaries.

Draws prompt attention to the above.

(Sd) L. Ricketts

1 Copy 1
L Ricketts
Excise Commissioner

Excise Commissioner
in Impose

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From

Excise Commissioner
in Mysore

To,

Enclosure to No 1
The Special Excise Sl
Assistant Commissioner
Mysore

Dated 22d October 1892
No 2296/419

His No 74 dated 15th Instant.

In reply observes that it is the duty of the Special Excise Assistant Commissioner to obey, but not to discuss the orders issued to him. As it is absolutely necessary that he should keep the Excise Commissioner informed of the duties performed by him in connection with the prevention and detection of illicit distillation and smuggling of Contraband liquor and drugs, which work has been specially

entrusted

entrusted to him, as well as any little work which remains to be done in connection with Dale Toddy, he should lose no time in submitting his Diaries, as ordered. The Excise Commissioner, cannot defer the matter till Mr. McDonnell's return from leave which he has applied for, but which has not yet been recommended to Government, pending the receipt of a medical Certificate about his ill-health.

2. The Government have already, in Government Proceedings No. 5416-25-113, dated 14th August 1890, defined the duties of Mr. Mc Donnell.

/Sd/ L. Ricketts

Excise Commissioner
in Mysore

/ Copy /
L Ricketts
Excise Commissioner

From

The Excise Commissioner

To Enclosures &c to Sl/ Impsone

The Special Excise Assistant Commissioner, in Impsone.

Dated 21st November 1892.

No. 2817/500

This office No. 2580/471, dated 7th instant, forwarding copy of Government Proceedings No. 6219-20/51-92, dated 31st October 1892, regarding Secret Service contingencies.

As the 4th edition of Vol. I of the civil account code referred to in the above, has been superseded by the 5th edition corrected up to 19th April 1892, the Special Excise Assistant Commissioner's attention is drawn to Articles 75, 76, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84 and 88 of Chapter 6 of the aforesaid

aforesaid revised edition. He is further informed that a certificate in the form appended to the above article 88, should be annexed to his contingent bills, the portion relating to the submission of vouchers, viz: the 2nd and 3rd Sentences being omitted in regard to the payments made to the secret informers. The Detective officers should submit to the Special Excise Assistant Commissioner, a detailed list of expenditure without specifying the names of the informers, but with a solemn declaration at the foot of such list to the following effect:—

"I hereby solemnly declare and affirm that the payments shown in the above list, have been duly made by me"

2. The Special Excise Assistant Commissioner's attention is also drawn to this office No $\frac{1398}{208}$, dated 9th September 1892, and he is held

responsible

responsible that the charges incurred
by Detective officers, are of absolute
necessity.

(Sd) L. Ricketts

Excise Commissioner
in Mysore

(Copy)

Ricketts
Excise Commissioner

Enclosure to Sl 1 1055

10/12/92

Proceedings of the Inspector General of Police in Mysore.

Read the following letter No. 1561—240 dated 15th September 1892, from the Excise Commissioner in Mysore.

"I have the honor to point out that there is reason to believe that much illicit distillation takes place in the Province, and notably in the Malnad parts and other places, where there are many Lambani Thandahs. In coffee estates, especially, cases of illicit distillation have been frequently detected.

2. It is certain that the Excise Revenue suffers much by illicit distillation, which is sure to increase if prompt measures be not adopted to suppress the same.

3. I have therefore the honor to request that you will kindly issue specific instructions to Police Superintendents and Assistant Superintendents to keep a strict watch on such clandestine distillation, and also on importation of contraband liquor and drugs, and do all in their power to bring the offenders to justice. Even the Police Inspectors and Station House Officers on their rounds and beat peons on their day and night patrols, would prove of valuable service, if they similarly exert themselves to get news of and detect the offenders.

4. Co-operation of the Police with the Excise officers of Government is of course necessary ; but there is nothing to prevent Police officers of the proper grades from acting independently of the Excise staff, and detecting and prosecuting offenders on their own responsibility. Indeed it is highly desirable that they should do so, and such of the Police as render special service in this respect will be suitably rewarded.

5. The great loss to the Excise Revenue by illicit distillation and importation of contraband liquor and drugs, is not the only consideration, for, the offenders who get cheap liquor by such means are generally drunkards, and ready for any crime, especially robbery and dacoity; and they grow more and more daring as they go on with their lawless acts, unchecked and unpunished.

6. I trust to your cordial co-operation in this matter."

ORDERTHEREON No. 1515—39. *Dated 1st December* 1892.

The attention of all Police Officers is called to the above letter from the Excise Commissioner with a view to their co-operating with the Excise officers in the detection and suppression of illicit distillation especially in the Mulnad and bringing to justice those found in possession of contraband liquor and drugs.

2. Rules 35 and 36 under the Excise Regulation published in Government Notification No. 495 dated 30th March 1892 (Vide Mysore Gazette of the 19th May 1892) invest Police officers of and above the rank of Duffedar with powers respecting the seizure of and search for spirituous and fermented liquors and intoxicating drugs and the arrest of persons found in possession thereof.

3. Police Superintendents are requested to impress on their subordinates the importance of suppressing illicit distilliation and to see that both the Inspectors and the Station house Officers as also the village heads exert themselves in bringing offences against the Excise Act to light. The Inspector General would be glad if the Police Superintendents could in their diaries devote a short para to the work done by the Police in this direction and bring to his notice any special skill in detection or bringing offenders to justice.

M Ramachandra Rao

Inspector General of Police.

To

The Deputy Commissioner of Districts, for information and guidance.

The Excise Commissioner, for information.

V. B. Soobbiah & Sons, Printers, Bangalore, 1882.

Proceedings of the Excise Commissioner in Mysore

Enclosure to [illegible]

Read the following Order No. 1515/39, dated 14th Dec. 1892 from the Inspector General of Police in Mysore.

"The attention of all Police Officers is called to the above letter from the Excise Commissioner with a view to their co-operating with the Excise Officers in the detection and suppression of illicit distillation especially in the Malnad and bringing to justice those found in possession of contraband liquor & drugs.

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3. Police Superintendents are requested to impress on their subordinates the importance of suppressing illicit distillation and to see that both the Inspectors and the Station house Officers as also the village headmen [illegible] themselves in bringing offences against the Excise Act to light. The Inspector General would be glad if the Police Superintendents could in their diaries devote a short para to the work done by the Police in this direction and bring to his notice any special skill in detection or bringing offenders to justice."

Order thereon No. 3163-243/37 dated 9th Dec. 1892.

Ordered that a copy of the above be communicated to all Excise Officers.—

To All Excise Officers—

J. Ricketts
Excise Commissioner
in Mysore

1893

From,

The Special Assistant
Excise Commissioner
In Mysore.

To

The Excise Commissioner
In Mysore

Encls 2
Dated 3rd May 1893.

No. 385 9/5/93

I have the honor to forward herewith 2 travelling allowance bills of the Special Assistant Excise Commissioner and of the Establishment which accompanied him for the month of April/93 for countersignature and transmission to the Comptroller for audit at an early date as the undersigned is very much pressed for funds at present.—

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Special Assistant
Excise Commissioner
In Mysore.
Detective Branch.

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Financial Serial No. 107.

Government of Mysore

To

Enclosure to S/L Dr.

My Batta or Mileage whilst absent from Head-quarters during the month of March 1893.

From			To			No. of Miles travelled.	No. of Days halted.	Rate of Batta or Mileage.	Amount.		Remarks as to object of journey in each case.
Date and Hour of Starting. Date.	A. M. or P. M.	Name of Station.	Date and Hour of Arrival. Date.	A. M. or P. M.	Name of Station.				Rs.	A. P.	
3		Bangalore	3		Kadur			Double 1st class	16	0 0	mail train
4	2 P.M.	Kadur	4	6 P.M.	Sakrepatna	11	✓	6as a mile	4	2 0	✓
5	7 A.M.	Sakrepatna	5	12 noon	Chickmagalur	14	..	Do	5	4 0	✓
6, 7, 8 & 9th		Halt at	Chickmagalur			..	4	3Rs	12	0 0	✓
10	8 A.M.	Chickmagalur	10	10 A.M.	Wastara	6	..	6as	2	4 0	✓
10	10 A.M.	Wastara	10	8 P.M.	Indagere	16	..	8as	8	0 0	✓
11	2 P.M.	Indagere	11	8 P.M.	Kotighar	11	..	Do	5	8 0	✓
12	7 A.M.	Kotighar	12	6 P.M.	Sampigaykhan	18	..	Do	9	0 0	✓
13	7 A.M.	Sampigaykhan	13	1 P.M.	Mallaswara	11	..	Do	5	8 0	✓
14	7 A.M.	Mallaswara	14	2 P.M.	Balahale	11	..	Do	5	8 0	✓
15	8 A.M.	Balahale	15	4 P.M.	Balahonnoor	15	..	Do	7	8 0	✓
16		Halt at Balahonnoor	..			..	1	4Rs	4	0 0	✓
17	8 A.M.	Balahonnoor	17	1 P.M.	Sollakile	10	..	8as	5	0 0	✓
18	8 A.M.	Sollakile	18	5 P.M.	Koppa	13	..	Do	6	8 0	✓
19, 20, 21 & 22d		Halt at Koppa	..			..	4	4Rs	16	0 0	✓
23	7 A.M.	Koppa to Bappungi, Elgode and Hotekodigay coffee Estates & back	21	..		21	..	8as	10	8 0	✓
24	—	Halt at Koppa	..			..	1	4Rs	4	0 0	✓
25	7 A.M.	Koppa to Siddeshan, Kodikillo coffee Estates and back	26			16	..	8as	8	0 0	✓
26	1 A.M.	Koppa	26	4 P.M.	Lakkavally	26	✓	Do	13	0 0	✓
27	7 A.M.	Lakkavally	27	12 Noon	Tarikere	13	✓	Do	6	8 0	✓
27	5 P.M.	Tarikere	27	12 P.M.	Kadur	18	✓	6as	6	12 0	✓
28		Kadur	28		Bangalore	231		Double 1st class	16	0 0	mail train
cost of carrying Camp equipage &c			& do from Kadur to Bangalore			12 1/2			23	13 0	✓
		Total Rs.....	Half the rate of mileage is charged			..H			23	13 0	

Total Rupees Two hundred and twenty five only

Total Rs 225-0-0

Countersigned for Rs. 225-0-0

Date 3rd April 93

Excise Comm.

Audit Stamp.

I certify that I maintained camp equipage during the period for which full daily halting allowance is claimed in this bill.

I also certify that I travelled on this Railway journey by the 1st class.

Bangalore
Date 1st April 1893.

Special Asst Excise Commr in Bangalore

In connection with the Election work

Financial Serial No. 107.

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Government of Mysore

To Enclosure to Sl. Dr.

My Batta or Mileage whilst absent from Head-quarters during the month of April 1893.

From			To			No. of Miles travelled.	No. of Days halted.	Rate of Batta or Mileage.	Amount.			Remarks as to object of journey in each case.
Date and Hour of Starting. Date.	A. M. or P. M.	Name of Station.	Date and Hour of Arrival. Date.	A. M. or P. M.	Name of Station.				Rs.	A.	P.	
24-4-93	2-5 Pm	Bangalore	24/4	8-20 P.m	Aresekere	Double 1st class fare Railway			12	14	0	Private Journey and 5 Days Halt
25th, 26th 27th		Halt	at Aresekere				3	3 Rs	9	0	0	
28-4-93	6-30 Pm	Aresekere	28/4	8-49 Pm	Kadur	Double 1st class fare			3	2	0	
29-4-93	8 am	Kadur	29/4	4 P.m	Jaisekere	18	—	6as	6	12	0	
30-4-93	2 P.m	Jaisekere	30/4/93	7 Pm	Benkipur	12	—	6as	4	8	0	
					Total				36	4	0	
		Cost of carrying camp equipages from Bangalore to Aresekere, from Aresekere to Kadur, and from Kadur to Shemoga 69 miles at ½ the rate of Mileage Rs. 3 as							31	11	0	
					Grand Total				67	15	0	

Total Rs..... Sixty seven and annas fifteen only

Official circuit on inspection duty and 5 Days halt at Aresekere by order of Deputy Commissioner in connection with Detective Work and 5 days halt at Kadur by order of Assistant Commissioner in charge of Sagar Division by the making journey as above stated by the Deputy Commissioner of Shimoga

Countersigned for Rs.

Date

Audit Stamp.

I certify that I maintained camp equipage during the period for which full daily halting allowance is claimed in this bill.

I also certify that I travelled on this Railway journey by the 1st class.

Date 3rd May 1893
Camp Shemoga

Special Assistant
Excise Commissioner
Detective Branch

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From
The Excise Commissioner
in Mysore
Confidential to S.I.

To The Special Excise Assistant
Commissioner 1a

Dated 6th May 1893
Despatched 10th

No. 5843
913

Ref his No. 385, dated 3rd instant on
regarding his Batta Bills.

In reply informs that the Batta
Bills cannot be checked and Counter-
-signed in the absence of the Special
Excise Assistant Commissioner's
diaries which have not been received.

/Signed/ L. Ricketts
Excise Commissioner
in Mysore

/Copy/

L. Ricketts
Excise Commissioner

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Conclosed to
From SI
The Special Assistant
Excise Commissioner
Detective Branch: —
To
The Excise Commissioner
in Mysore —

No 468

Dated 29th May
Despatched 30th d° —
Conclosure

Excise Commissioner's docket
No. 5843/913 dated 6th/10 Instant

In reply has the honor to refer to this Office Nos 464, and 465, dated 19th May 1893, and to state that it was first found necessary by Major Macaulay even while the Special Assistant Excise Commissioner, held the substantive post of Head Superintendent to have details of work from him. Now for the past 6 years he has been on the graded list with such details found necessary to check his batta Bills, as these Bills gave details of Stages, mileage, and the special work which necessitated the

* Excuse Sir
Was this the
reason appointed
I don't think so
by
1/6/93.

time, as required by Codal Rules. The Special Assistant Excise Commissioner therefore respects that the Excise Commissioner should now have occasion to doubt his work, and compel him to send in details thereof and to humiliate him still further by detaining his and the Travelling allowance bills of his clerks and peons upto this time.

2. Solicito the bills in question may now be kindly countersigned and passed on for audit, for the Special Assistant Excise Commissioner and his staff are seriously inconvinienced for want of funds, on Bills due to them for the past two months.

Yours obediently,

Special Assistant
Excise Commissioner
Detective Branch.

From
The Excise Commissioner
Circulars
Cancelled to Sl/
CC

To The Deputy Commissioner,
Shemoga District
Cancelled to Sl/

Dated 30th June 1893
Despatched 6th July

No. 72
/

The Deputy Commissioner's No. 35-44/294
dated 23rd June 1893.

In reply has the honor to state that
the undersigned Concurs in the Deputy
Commissioner's opinion that the
Special Excise Assistant Commissioner
would have done better if he had
not countenanced his subordinates
so as to embolden them to submit
petitions of the kind received with the
letter under reference; that it is objec-
tionable to Allow the members of the
Detective Staff to Spend money at will
on private informers in every case of
illicit

illicit distillation without the necessary supervision, control or check of the higher officers; and that the Special Excise Assistant Commissioner may be authorized to employ private informers in any special instances under his personal direction, guidance and supervision. Instructions may accordingly be issued to the Special Excise Assistant Commissioner.

2. The practice of making payments for the so-called secret informations, upon the bills of the Detective Officers, which do not appear, in a single instance, to have been checked personally by the Special Excise Assistant Commissioner at the scenes of occurrences, have doubtless produced a most demoralizing effect. It must be well impressed upon all the Detective Officers that, if they cannot detect cases without the help of private informers in every case, they will be removed from the service on the ground of inefficiency. Further, these detectives should be informed that concerted action on their part as evidenced by the petition sent by them to

to the Deputy Commissioner through the Special Excise Assistant Commissioner, is highly objectionable and irregular; and that any attempt hereafter to adopt such a course will be suitably noticed, especially as regards the peingliader.

3. Begs to point out that, however active Detective Officers may be, they can do little unless they are supported by village officials. The latter should be encouraged to Co-operate with them by offering suitable rewards for cases detected through their help.

4. The Lambanys cannot be without liquor; and as arrack shops are not opened at convenient distances from their Thandahs, they are tempted to resort to illicit manufacture of liquor. Their Thandahs are generally situated outside the villages to which they are attached. It is requested that, in view to suppress illicit distillation, arrangements may be made to open

arrack

arrack shops at such villages.

5. It is not understood how the Detectives have so many "Cases in hand" viz 40 and on which Rs 223-8-0 are alleged to have been spent. It would be advisable for the Deputy Commissioner with the Confidential help of his Police Assistant to narrowly scrutinise each item of this expenditure so as to arrive at some conclusion in a police point of view as to the efficacy or otherwise of the present mode of operations. If, upon full investigation, the money seems to have been properly spent and with a fair certainty of eventual conviction, then such expenditure can be re-imbursed to the detectives Concerned.

/Signed/ L. Ricketts
Excise Commissioner
in charge

/Copy/
L Ricketts
Excise Commissioner

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Submitted to the Excise Comr. for such orders as may be deemed necessary.

2 I beg to submit that the Special Excise Asst. Comrs. remarks are uncalled for and objectionable. I am not interfering and have never interfered with his work. I do not know why he has sent me this order.

3 We proposed to Govt. that we wanted the two Toddy Clerks permanently for our Office in connection with the Toddy work, and the Govt. have sanctioned them up to 30th June 1894.

4 Four or five days ago, one of the Toddy Clerks mentioned to me that Mr. H. Sowell wanted him to join his camp at Chittoor to write out the accounts to date &c. I told him that he had plenty of toddy work here, and I could not spare him without the Excise Comrs. orders, as Mr. Sowell had taken [illegible] with him already. That was all.

Sheristadar 6/5 d.d.

I sent orders to the Toddy Clerk to come out at once with the Memchulkas and references he had and you took upon yourself to countermand my orders. I consider your interference in my Office most unwarranted and reprehensible. You had no business to give the orders to my clerk, still less to have the impertinence to dictate to me how and by whom my work was to be done. Government have delegated me to do the Toddy work and if Government have passed any order transferring that work from the "Special Assistant Excise Commissioner" to the "Excise Sheristadar," that order should have been communicated to me by your master, in common courtesy, with a request to clear off arrears and send the men to the Excise Commissioners Office to work there. Till such an order from Government, is received by me I shall resent your interference in my Office & to dictate to me what I am to do. I therefore request you will order Vijya Ramaiah Naidu, to join my camp at once.

As far as I learn, Government have only sanctioned the continuance of the two Toddy Clerks for a further period of one year. If so I am quite able to deal with any Toddy work. Government expect me to discharge it without the interference

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of the Excise Commissioners Sheriff Taylor. I take this opportunity to warn you not to meddle with me or with my Office in any way as you seem inclined to do and have been doing

Camp Bisbee
2nd June 1893

[illegible]
Special Assistant
Excise Commissioners
Detective Branch

To
The Excise Clerk

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Submitted

Sir, Enclosed to
Sd/

As the Excise Asstant is attached to each Deputy Commissioner, the Registers of payment of rewards to informers &c was delegated to me, and I kept the funds

2. The Excise Commissioner tentatively took over my work while I was engaged on special Toddy work. He has sent the permanent advance to Deputy Commissioners, and the Office now want to send back the contingent Registers.

3. As I am to have the direct control over the detective staff and work it under your orders, I solicit the amounts sent may be recalled, and the Registers kept in this Office by the Clerk appointed for this duty.

4. I beg early orders may be passed relative to detective work, as the present

Charge

changes made by the late Excise Commissioner on the eve of his departure, hampers and cripples this work and is opposed to the orders of Government.

(Sd) J. G. McD
Excise Asst Commissioner
in Impore

Retain Registers for the present. I quite understand and wish that your chief and most important work should be detective

But still I think Deputy Commissioners should also work in this direction also, and have their own funds, even if it be only 50 each for rewards to their informers, Secret Service &c

17.6.92 (Sd) L.R.

/Copy/
L Birkett
Excise Commissioner

No. 324-31

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To Sessions Commissioner Cocanada
Bangalore, dated 14th July 1892.

Official Memorandum

Enclosure to G.O. No. 1 Dt.

Sl 1

With whole Detective Staff is required to suppress illicit Distillation in Kampenad Shemoga Districts, the following postings, transfers &c are ordered:—

Name	Substantive Rank & Pay	Temporary Rank & Pay	To what place now posted and in what Rank and Pay
1. M. Rajadhuri Pillay	1st Grade Det. Asstt Supervisor Rs 60+15.	1st Grade Asstt Supervisor Temporary Det. Staff Rs 75+15	Shikarpur Taluk as 1st Grade Asstt Supervisor Temporary Det: Staff Rs 75+15.
2. Ahmad	1st Grade Det. Asstt Supervisor Rs 60+15	Nil	Now half of Koppa Taluk, being promoted to 1st Grade Asstt Supervisor, Temporary Det: Staff Rs 75+15 with effect from 1st December 1891 for approved service
3. Syed Abdul Kareem	2nd Grade Det. Asstt Supervisor Rs 50+15	2nd Grade Asstt Supervisor Temporary Det Staff Rs 60+15	Shemoga Taluk being promoted to 1st Grade Asstt Supervisor Temporary Det: Staff Rs 75+15 vice Nabi Sahib to revert to Gen: line
4. Allasaheb has-	Nil - Thrown out on reductions in the Shemoga Jail—	Temporary 2nd Grade Asstt Supervisor Rs 50+15, vice Subba Rao, Shemoga District	Honnali Taluk, 3rd Grade Asstt Supervisor Temporary Det: Staff Rs 50+15 on trial for 3 months.
57. Pracasang Nair.	2nd Grade General Asstt Supervisor, Rs 50+15, Bangalore	3rd Grade Asstt Supervisor, doing duty permanent Det: Staff, vice No 3, posted to Kadur District & transferred to Hassan District Rs 50+15.	Chikkanayakanhalli 3rd Grade Asstt Supervisor Permanent Det: Staff doing duty for No 3 Protem on Rs 50+15

6. Guru Rao	2nd Grade Det: Asst Supervisor Rs 50+15	Nil	Shimoga Taluk 2nd Grade Det. Asst Supervisor Rs 50+15, for 3 months on trial - Mudigere Taluk 3rd grade Asst Supervisor Temporary Det: Staff Rs 50+15, but to work at Shimoga for 3 months with A. S. on trial
7. T. Venkata Ramiah B.A.	2nd Grade Genl Asst Supervisor Kolar Rs 40+15	Nil	
8 Saldanah	4th Grade Tester Rs 15+10 — —	2nd Grade Tester. Temporary Det: Staff Rs 25+10 and promoted to Temp: Det: Asst: Supervisor Rs 50+15 Koppa Taluk. —	Tarikere, Kadur 3rd Grade Asst Supervisor Temp: Det: Staff Rs 50+15.
9. D'Costa	— Do —	Temporary 2nd Grade Tester Rs 25+10 — —	~ Do ~
10. Madan Singh	4th Grade Tester Rs 15+10	Nil	South half Koppa Taluk. 3rd Grade Asst Supervisor Temp: Det: Staff Rs 50+15.

Note:- Saldanah, D'Costa, Bheemasamudra and Madan Singh will work under the directions of Ameen.

2. There are four vacancies (three Temporary, and one Permanent) of Det: Asst Supervisors on Rs 60+15=75. Any officer on Rs 50+15 displaying marked skill in detecting and prosecuting to conviction cases of illicit distillation will be given one step.

3. Those officers found wanting in detective ability will be relegated to the general Branch. If found idle and careless, they will be dismissed.

4. The test for promotion will not rest merely on the detection of a certain numerical number of cases but each Officer will be narrowly watched; and general grounds of honesty, ability and good conduct will also be duly considered in making promotions.-

(Signed) L. Ricketts
Excise Commissioner

P.T.O.

No. 349-58
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Official Memorandum

Circulated to Sl 7/1/92

Copy of the foregoing is forwarded to each Official who will join at once and report arrival to the Deputy Commissioner & the District and the Excise Assistant Commissioner. All the Detective Staff will be under the direct control, supervision and orders of Mr. McDonnell

(Signed) L. Ricketts
Excise Commissioner

No. 359/10

Copy of the foregoing is forwarded to Mr. McDonnell, Excise Assistant Commissioner, Detective Branch, for information with copies of letters addressed to Government and the Deputy Commissioners. Mr. McDonnell will keep the Excise Commissioner and Deputy Commissioners concerned informed of the progress of work performed by the Det: Staff monthly

7/7/92

(Signed) L. Ricketts
Excise Commissioner

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L Ricketts
Excise Commissioner
in Europe

No —

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Elmira
4th May 1893
Enclosure to Sl 1

From The Special Excise Supt Elmira
In Special Direct Charge
Detective Branch

To
The Deputy Commissioner
of Excise Albany

Sir

I have the honor to enclose
Petition of the Detectives of your
District and to state that I was
of the same opinion as the Excise
Commissioner at the out-set, but
experience has conclusively
shown me that it is absolutely
necessary to secure the aid of
informers to obtain conviction
in cases of illicit distillation,
and that it is not possible to
do so otherwise.

It is no easy matter I
assure you to get such informers
as it is very difficult to win their
trust and confidence and to
get them to act honestly and

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fairly - Even now in several instances the informers are so suspicious that they will not tell the Det: to which Thanda he belongs or in which Thanda illicit distillation is going on but compel him to come at night and take him personally to the spot 10 to 15 miles off. On arrival at the spot he disappears and returns with the evidence required and retires. He do not make himself known again except to give the signal at the appointed time - You see it is a case of life and death with him - If even suspected he is mulct in heavy fines and penalties and has a hard life of it afterwards - I therefore solicit you will move the Excise Commissioner to reconsider his order or otherwise the results will prove disastrous to detective work

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In any case I solicit the favor of being informed if I am to pay the amounts advanced after satisfying myself of the bona fides of each case as I do not think that the order is intended to have retrospective effect and it is hard on the detectives to compel them to pay for Government work out of their private purses and run into debt to do so.

I have &c

(Sd) J. G. McDonnell
Special Insp. Supt. Commr.
In Special & Strict Charge
Detective Branch

"Copy

Alfred Rahman Asst.
Supt. Commissioner

Shimoga, 1st May 1893.

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To,

Enclosure to SLI

The Deputy Commissioner
of the Shimoga District
Thro': the Excise Assistant Commr
in Special Direct charge
Detective Branch in Mysore

Sir,

With reference to the Excise
Comrs Circular No 1398 dated 9th Sept.
and Memo No 5352-837/207 dated 7 April 1893, copy
1892 received with the Special Excise
Asst. Comrs Circular No 349 dated
14th April last, we the undersigned
respectfully beg to represent that it
is utterly impossible to detect Illi-
cit Distillation cases without employ-
ing private informers, in every case as can be
clearly seen from the following reasons

2. That unless the Detective staff
is acquainted with the Lumbani
or any other Illicit Distillers' language
sending in disguise any member of
the Det: Staff to the Thanda or village
is not only useless, but will subject

him to ill-treatment.

3. There is none in the Det. Staff or in the Excise Department that is acquainted with the Illicit Distillers' language.

4. It is impossible for the disguising member to find out the probable day on which the liquor would be distilled and the particular hut in which it is carried on and where the different items are to be found. This is essentially necessary to obtain conviction. When the illegal act is committed outside the hut without the aid of the informer to give the required clues they cannot be brought home to the accused. In illustration it may be stated that in the last case taken up in Koppa, still, barl, head tube & liquor were all found in an adjacent hut, but for the want of the required evidence to connect them and to bring home the offence to the accused the case fell through.

5. Heinous Crimes, such as murder,

Dacoity, Highway robbery &c are in many instance detected after the information report is received when some clue or other has been obtained soon after the event. A Police Officer is empowered to call or send for any body suspected of any crime and conduct the necessary investigation for such time as may be deemed necessary. The Police Officer thus sometimes succeeds in the detection of offenders by this means.

6. An Illicit Distiller on the other hand is so careful as not to let even his next door neighbour know of his malpractice or offence. The only clue to go on is that as he is habituated to drinking liquor, and as the sales of the nearest shops do not indicate that the Limbances in the vicinity go there for their supplies, they must be making liquor clandestinely.

7. When the alleged suspicion is clearly established, then it is necessary to send a spy or scout to the Thanda to get acquainted with

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one of the members and find out what is going on. For this purpose it is absolutely necessary that a Gaelman or co-religionist should be selected. If of the same. Thanda so much the better. He has to find where the articles connected with Illicit Distillation (condensing tube, still head, wash tea) are kept. These may be in the house, but often times outside, or in the neighbours house. The informer cannot at once gain all the information from the Illicit Distiller, but on the contrary to gain his confidence and come round him, he will have to take him to a liquor shop and invite him to partake of liquor for several days. To do this, the informer must spend some money without which he will not succeed in gaining his confidence. It is only after this, he will be inclined to offer him a few pegs out of the illicitly distilled liquor. Should he fail to do so, and the bird is too wary, the poor informers troubles and the amount spent would

would all be in vain. With all this, the informer must know the where-abouts of the articles connected with I. Distillation and the probable day on which the liquor is to be distilled, when he will be in a position to give the Det: Officer the required information. Even then the Det: Officer is not safe, as he cannot fully rely on the informer, as to whether he is telling the truth or not. To test the truth of the information given the Det: Officer will have to proceed at once to the spot and remain secreted while the informer goes and purchases some liquor as proof that illicit liquor has been made. On receipt of this, the Officer has to go as near to the accused's house as possible unobserved by anybody and if work is going on, note the fact, and then make the necessary arrangements to take up the can at Day break.

8. The informer earns generally 4 annas daily, (the full market rate) and would not naturally be inclined to do any service of the stamp indicated unless the

gets more. In case of failure, who is to make good his loss in cash, time and labour, or that spent by the Det: Officer. The work that the informer is performing is not only dangerous but also would subject himself and his family to being put out of caste, or bicotted or made to pay a considerable sum as penalty, which would drive him to the necessity of working on short commons for a number of years, in order to make up this penalty.

9. In the majority of cases the information is volunteered by the informer. Money being the incentive as well as to wreak his vengeance on the accused for some slight offered to him, or dispute in family affairs, or other domestic matters. It is of the greatest importance to get this clue to enable the Detective to act on it. The informer may be so worked on by his feelings of animosity as to frame an imaginary case. Hence it becomes necessary for the detective to be wary and feel his way at every stage the case takes, so as not only to assure success, but be satisfied that a bonafide case exists.

At the outset the Detectives appointed have always tried to get the required information in disguise till they could enlist the services of an informer and find out the way of doing so. It has proved a failure. A few instances are given to illustrate this. The Nomadic tribes are notorious criminals and they live in isolated Thandas apart from the general community. A stranger appearing in the Thanda is always viewed with suspicion and if he cannot give an ostensible excuse, a clamour is raised and he is hunted out of the precincts of the Thanda. Being thieves by profession, they are very wary and always on the alert for fear of being suspected in connection therewith, detected and punished for their malpractices. With such material to work on, and ignorant of the language and general habits of these lawless men, it will be clearly seen that to assume any disguise and to gain an insight as to illicit Distillation going on and so as to secure the required evidence to obtain conviction, has been found hopeless.

Hence the necessity for employing informers for the past 6 years and the success such a step has secured.

10. In one instance a Detective Officer went in disguise to see whether his informer was actually working out the case. He saw the informer and had an interview with him for a few minutes when he returned. This roused the suspicion of the Illicit Distillers and others connected therewith, who took the informer to task and punished him smashing the wash pots &c. The case was thus completely spoiled.

11. In another instance an Assistant Supervisor went up to a village in disguise and made inquiries about his informer but he was not to be found there. The Supervisor went back. The men were actually preparing to distil at the time. Suspecting the stranger they destroyed everything. A little while after the alleged informer returned to his village and his castemen took him to task and gave him much trouble.

12. In another instance a Police Constable who was going on beat duty happened to meet the Det: Ass^{t} Supr talking to a Lumbani working

working in the field near the Thanda.

The Lumbanine women somehow got 23
the idea into their head that the offic
were coming to search their huts, broke
wash pots, still heads and spilt out
the wash.

13. In one instance an Assistant
Supervisor went as a trader to several
Estates with a box containing boots
to effect a sale, but utterly failed to
get a clue to illicit Distillation though
he remained in the places for several
days to do so

14. There are many instances, and if
required can be given, but the above
would suffice

15. The only cases in which disguises
can be assumed with any degree of suc-
cess in detecting malpractices are in
retail shops as different classes assemble
there; an Excise Officer assuming a dis-
guise and mingling with them will not
be noticed. In this way several cases
have been detected. It is quite a dif-
ferent matter where Illicit Distillation

and import of Contraband liquor are concerned. Private rights are involved in these latter cases, and it is found necessary to secure the aid of some of the servitors or to send a trustworthy person to take service and obtain the required clue ere the detective can act, & enforce the Excise laws.

16. Prior to the receipt of the Excise Comrs orders we (the undersigned Dett. Asst. Supts) have been advancing the amounts noted in the margin to our informers, and we are at a loss to know how we are to recover these sums; if the Govt. are not disposed to order the payment of the sums in question, we would entail loss, as that order interdicts us in each case spending money on informers.

17. In conclusion we respectfully beg to state that we will do all in our power to give effect to the Excise Comrs orders. From our own experience we have failed to get evidence to obtain conviction by assuming disguises. It is absolutely necessary to get evidence and obtain conviction by employing informers. For the past 6 years all the cases obtained were obtained through informers. If therefore in giving effect to the Excise Comrs orders, satisfactory practical results are not shown, we beg we may not be blamed.

We beg to remain,
Sir,
Your Most obed.t Servants

Sgd Abdul Careem
E. Fenner
Mattia Sing

W. Rajaindr
P. Govt Coy
Kurunagalla

Dr. to Govt. Excise Dept.
Dr. to Mr. Rajendram — 63-0-0 — 15 Cases contraband.
" Mr. Rajendram Vidiya 25-0-0 — 5 Cases — do —
" — Abdul Careem 49-0-0 — 10 - do - do -
" — Alaccumbar 26-8-0 — 8 - do - do -
" — Guruvappa 10-0-0 — 2 - do - do -
" — — — Alabandy 50-0-0 — 5 - do - do

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From
The Deputy Commissioner
Kadur District

To The Excise Commissioner
in Mysore
Bangalore

Dated 30th. Enclosures to
Dispatched 30th May Sl 1

Encl: one

No. 1647

With reference to the Official Memorandum No. 6106/940, dated 20th instant, (forwarded with No. 6107-18/216 of the same date), intimating the appointment of Tester Rama Char as Excise Clerk of this District on Rs. 25/- (an appointment in the gift of the Deputy Commissioner), has the honor to forward docket No. 462 of the 26th instant, received from the Special Excise Assistant Commissioner, and to recommend that Saldanha herein referred to, may be appointed as Excise Clerk of the District, as he appears

"to be obligingly returned

appears to be better fitted for office work, having a good knowledge of English and Vernacular.

/Signed/ H. H. Sparkes
Deputy Commissioner
Madura District

Extract from Mr. Inc. Donnell's letter No. 462, dated 26th May 1893 to the Deputy Commissioner, Madura District.

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"The appointment of clerk in the District Office, is within Rs. 40, and therefore, in the Deputy Commissioner's gift; the Excise Commissioner may be informed that the Deputy Commissioner regrets he cannot take Ramachar, as desired."

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/ signed / J. G. W. Donnell
Spl. E. asst Comr

/ Copy /
L Mukerji
Excise Commissioner

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From

The Deputy Commissioner
Shimoga District

To

Enclosure to Sl 1

The Excise Commissioner
in Mysore

Dated 31st May 1893

No. 3361/270

Have the honor to forward for orders Copy of the Special Excise Assistant Commissioner's (Detective Branch) Docket No. 418, dated 12th Instant with enclosures

+ for Rs 15/- 2. The bill for the charges already incurred, may be paid

/Sd/ Abdul Rahman
Deputy Commissioner

From

The Special Assistant Excise
Commissioner
Detective Branch

To

The Deputy Commissioner
Shimoga District

No. 418 Enc 3

Dated 12th May Camp Ansikeri

Sir,

In enclosing the papers as per margin, I have the honor to state that, under the orders of the Excise Commissioner Conveyed in docket No. 5352/837 dated 7th/8 April 93 Para 4, I am debarred from paying the bill enclosed, as I do not Consider it a rare case, but the reverse.

No. 12 8/29 April 93 Enc 2 To be diligently returned when no longer required

2. I take this opportunity of pointing out that, unless Detective officers are allowed to have informers in every

case

case of illicit distillation and their bills paid in this behalf, detective work will be hampered and impeded to such an extent that it will come to a stand-still, for it is utterly impossible to secure the required reliable evidence to obtain Conviction in such case otherwise than through paid informers.

3. The detective staff tried the Course suggested by the Excise Commissioner at the out-set, and failed, and the Course so successfully followed through the agency of informers, was therefore adopted.

I have &c

/sd/ G. J. McDonnell

Special Assistant Excise Commissioner

"Copy

/sd/ Abdul Rahman

Deputy Commissioner

Shimoga District

From

The Excise Commissioner
in Mysore

To

The Deputy Commissioner
Shimoga District

Dated 3/8 June 93
No. 6283/105 (Enc 3)

The Deputy Commissioner's No. 3361/2701 dated 31st May 93, submitting for sanction a bill for Rs 15/- being the amount expended for secret service in a case of illicit distillation at Avaholadalu Thanda in the Holehonnur magni, ~~Shimoga~~ Shimoga taluk, by Detective Assistant Supervisor Syed Abdul Kareem.

Sanctioned

2. The original enclosures are herewith returned.

/Sd/ L. Ricketts
Excise Commissioner
in Mysore

/Copy/
L Ricketts
Excise Commissioner

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From Enclosure 1 to SL1 | 1/bc

The Excise Commissioner
in Mysore

To

The Special Excise Assistant
Commissioner
Camp Arsikere

Dated 3/5th June 1893
Camp Nandi

No. 6238/960

His letter No. 464, dated 19/29th Ultimo, letter without No. dated 19th Ultimo, reporting work done during March and April, and docket No. 468, dated 29th Ultimo com-plaining of the orders requiring the submission of Diaries.

Has the honor to state that, in the docket under reference, the Special Assistant Commissioner misinterpreted, or at any rate, ultrapo.

betrays a mis-apprehension of the object of the order directing him to submit Diaries. The Special Assistant Commissioner ought to have known that the Excise Commissioner directed the submission of the Diary not for the purpose of checking batta bills, but as the most convenient, if not only means of keeping himself informed of the work done by the Special Assistant Commissioner. The diary was obviously required not in mis-trust of the Special Assistants' work, but to proge of its nature, and to receive a full account thereof. That Colonel Macintire did not require the then Head Supervisor to submit Diaries, or that the same Head Supervisor since promoted to the graded service, was not required to submit diaries

before

before, is not pertinent to the question. Police Superintendents and Forest Assistant Conservators, who are also in the graded Service, (some of them even of longer standing than the Special Assistant Commissioner), do not think it a humiliation to submit diaries of their work. If there was any humiliation in the deduction of batta bills, it was entirely self inflicted on the part of the Special Assistant Commissioner, and the Excise Commissioner regrets that he has been under the necessity of resorting to this means of enforcing obedience to a plain order given many months back, and awakening a sense of duty and discipline on the part of the Special Assistant Commissioner.

2. In submitting the so called "report" of work done for March and April, the Special Assistant Commissioner

Commissioner has apparently
been trying to evade the orders
calling upon him to submit
diaries. The Special Assistant
Commissioner need scarcely
be reminded of the form in
which such diaries are to be
sent and about which he was
specially referred, long ago, to the
Head quarter Police Superintendent,
Mr. Puttanna Chetty. These diaries,
it may again be pointed out,
should be submitted weekly, and
should give day by day, a brief
account of the work on which the
Special Assistant Commissioner
is engaged. As regards the sub-
-stance, the reports under notice
refer much to matters that are
irrelevant, uncalled for or already
known to the Excise Commissioner.
That the Special Assistant
Commissioner went to see the
Excise Commissioner, without effect,
was

was out of place in a diary,
and the allusion to unpleasantness
and tension is worse, and leads
to the inference that the Special
Assistant Commissioner has
yet to learn certain points of
etiquette and subordination
in official correspondence with
his superior officer. The
different proposals of the
Special Assistant Commission
-er negatived by the Excise
Commissioner are foreign to
the object of a diary in which
the Special Assistant Commis
-er is expected to give an accoun
of his own work which would
otherwise remain unknown
to the Excise Commissioner.
While the report for march is
full of such irrelevant com-
-plaints, the only part of it, para
9, relating to actual detective
measures

measures _____ re-
garding which the Special
Assistant Commissioner was
bound to give full details, con-
tains a most meagre and un-
satisfactory account of what
may be termed abortive operations.
The report for April disposes
of 23 days in the month in a few
words which convey no idea what-
ever of the Special Assistant's
Commissioner's work for three
weeks. -

3. The reports are, in
form, not diaries required of
the Special Assistant Commission-
er and in substance, do not
contain what they ought to and
embrace matters which are
out of place. In returning
them, accordingly, for re-
submission in due form and
with appropriate particulars

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the Excise Commissioner directs the Special Assistant Commissioner to explain the delay in the submission of his reports for March and April till the end of May.

4. Pending the submission of diaries and explanation required above, the batta bills of the Special Assistant Commissioner will remain unpassed; those of the Establishment being passed for audit.

/Signed/ L. Ricketts

Excise Commissioner

in Mysore

/ Copy /

L Ricketts

Excise Commissioner

GOVERNMENT OF MYSORE

From

The Excise Commissioner
in Mysore

To

The Special Excise Assistant
Commissioner

Enclosure to 5/1

Dated 8th June 1893.

No. 6335/984.

His memo or order dated
camp Arasikere, the 2nd June 1893,
to the Sheristadar of the Excise
Commissioner's Office, finding fault
with him for an alleged inter-
ference with the work of the Special
Assistant Commissioner:-

With reference to the above
states the clerks referred to belong
to the Office of the Excise Commissioner
without

without whose orders the Sheristadar of the office could not take upon himself to spare them. If the Special Assistant Commissioner wanted them or any other officials, he should have addressed the undersigned and not the Sheristadar.

2. Draws the attention of the Special Assistant Commissioner to the impropriety of the memo which is conceived in bad taste and couched in language unbecoming and demeaning the position of a graded officer.—

3. The Special Excise Assistant Commissioner is hereby directed to withdraw the said memo.—

/Signed/ L. Ricketts.
Excise Commissioner
in Mysore

/Copy/
L. Ricketts
Excise Commissioner

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From

The Excise Commissioner

in Mysore

To The Deputy Commissioner

Kaglur District

Cor. Roswell to Sl 1

Bangalore 8th June 1893

No. 6337/132.

With his No. 1647, dated the 30th ultimo, forwarding the Special Excise Assistant Commissioner's docket No. 462, dated 26th idem, and recommending certain appointments.

With reference to the above, has the honor to state that, though under ordinary circumstances, the newly created appointment of the Excise Clerk was in the Deputy Commissioner's gift, which the undersigned would not have thought of filling up, the appointment of Ramachar was made under orders of Government;

Government; an extract of which is forwarded for information.

The suggestion of the Special Excise Assistant Commissioner in his docket (herewith returned) to the Deputy Commissioner that the appointment was in the Deputy Commissioner's gift and that "the Excise Commissioner may be informed that the Deputy Commissioner regrets he cannot take Ramachar as desired", is in keeping with a line of conduct which will be reserved for consideration hereafter.

2. The Excise Commissioner does not feel justified in degrading Saldana from an appointment of Rs. 50+15 to one of Rs. 25 on no more substantial grounds than that Saladana is not giving the same satisfaction as heyone, and that the Special Assistant Commissioner gleaned some information from the Assistant Surgeon in a private conversation which it is most unusual to quote in official correspondence. In dealing with matters of this nature, it is necessary to proceed upon specific charges

charges of official omission or commission.
Saldana, it has likewise to be remembered,
earned a special reward some time back
for meritorious detection.

3. The services of Ramaswamy Mudliar
and Ranganatha Mudliar are reported
to be not available.

/Signed/ K. Ricketts
Excise Commissioner
in absence

/Copy/
Ricketts
Excise Commissioner

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No. 106

Special Assistant Excise Commissioner's
Office Bangalore, dated 4th (15th) August 1893.

Enclosure to Sl. 1/0

From

The Special Assistant
Excise Commissioner

To The Excise Commissioner
in Mysore

Endorse

Sir:—

I have the honor to submit the following report of work performed by me in the month of March 1893, revised and summarised as desired in No. 6238/960 dated 3rd June 1893:—

(A) Office work and General duties 1st and 2nd, 30th and 31st } Disposed of references and diaries received upto 2nd inclusive and on tour when time permitted and at Head Quarters on 30th and 31st:—

(b) Todky Amani work Bangalore 28th, 29th, 30th and 31st } Reported arrival to the Deputy Commr. Called on Deputy Commissioner, discussed work, and Law Amildar at his request. Called on Excise Commissioner without effect. Collected data for programme of Todky work and result recorded in April's diary:—

(b) Circuit
3rd to 5th
6th to 9th
10th to 19th
19th to 25th
26th to 27th
} Bangalore to Kadur and Kadur to Chickmagalur
Halt at Chickmagalur
Chickmagalur via Mudigere and Belle Honnur to Koppa and Halt at Koppa
Koppa to Bangalore recalled by urgent telegram from Excise Commissioner:—

(d). Establishment } Telegraphed to Acting Detective
Detective staff. — } Assistant Supervisor Venkatsamy to Koppa, to rejoin his post forthwith via Chickmagalur.

(e) Telegraphed to Ghulam Mohammed to join his post at Mundagere via Koppa from Shekaripur, and told him to see me for instructions enroute.

(f) Telegraphed to Excise Commissioner, that Detective Abdool Karim was taken to Koppa to assume charge from Ameen. He was the next most experienced Detective, I had and the next on roster and the only one able to cope with work in the difficult Taluk of Koppa. This was done in consultation with Mr. Sparkes. - Reported also the details in letter to Excise Commissioner. Both Officers were then taken to Koppa via Chickmagalur and Mundagere. This proposal fell through. -

(g). Reported Detective Assistant Supervisor Siddhana, to Deputy Commissioner, and with his approval gave him as requested 6 weeks time to retrieve lost ground and that he would be degraded if he did not show work are then.

(h). Reported Detective Parkasamy Want of Detective ability to Excise Commissioner, and as he was also on medical grounds, stated to be endangering his life, or dared him to report himself to Excise Commissioner, who was asked to revert him to his permanent post as General Assistant Supervisor Tumkur, Proposal negatived by the Excise Commissioner He is still on sick leave.

(i). Contraband trade } Got confirmation of information
Board to Agambi that }

of large imports of contraband liquor to Mangalore and Koppa, via these ghats and by several other passes between these two points. Asked for an experienced Detective to be delegated solely to this work, assisted by a few Private Detectives. Respectable Planters and other Wealthy persons are implicated in the trade. Risks from failure would entail counter prosecutions for Criminal trespass, defamation and law-suits for damages. Therefore Special Agency needed for this purpose. No extra cost to Government pointed out. Proposal negatived by the Excise Commissioner.

(3) With Deputy Commissioner at Chickmagalur 6th 7th, 8th and 9th } Discussed Excise work both Detective and General and collected Statistics for Special report to Deputy Commissioner - See Appendix

(12) Inspection 8th, 10th to 25th } Inspected the Depots and Shops on hire and sent the usual reports to the Deputy Commissioner. Visited sites of new Shops and Scenes of Illicit distillation cases at Koppa. Put an Illicit distillation case on train. Prepared to start to Shimoga, but recalled by the Excise Commissioner's urgent Telegram in re-Toddy Amani work both by and Station of Bangalore.

(2) Met Detectives and discussed details of their work with them over and over again, as I went along. Solved doubts and gave them instructions how to act in certain cases:—

I have the honour to be
Sir
Your most Obedient Servant
J. W. Russell
Special Assistant Excise Commissioner
in Mysore

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Special Assistant Excise Commissioner's
Office Bangalore, Dated 4th/15 April 1893

No. 107

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From

The Special Assistant
Excise Commissioner

To

The Excise Commissioner
in Mysore

Sir,

I have the honor to submit report of work performed by me in the month of April 1893, revised and summarized as directed in your docket No. 6238/960 dated 3rd June 1893:—

Office work and General duties 1st to 23rd } From 1st to 4th Easter Holidays, not availed of as I had to—

(a) to prepare a Programme to do Toddy Work in Amani, urgently for City and station. Called on Deputy Commissioner Bangalore, to discuss the same on 2nd and gave in the report required. I saw again the Deputy Commissioner on the 6th in re-price of casks, carts &c. (b) Asked to wait on the Excise Commissioner urgently on the 3rd in re-detective work, illicit Distillation and contraband trade. Interview declined. Discussed work in writing with Abortive results. Orders received from the Excise Commissioner, on the 9th to do Detective Work in concert and co-operation with Deputy Commissioners

and

and the Detective staff to work in subordination to those Officers or they would be furnished. Informers not to be employed and payments only to be made in "rare cases". The above orders were communicated to all Detective Officers on the 14th April 1893. (c) Collected and analysed, the sales of Retail Shops, the profits and losses to the Retail Vendors and Farmers in the Kadur District, reported result to the Deputy Commissioner suggested how the establishment should be located and strengthened by enlisting the aid of Hospital Assistants. The desirability of reducing the strength of liquor to 35° UP and the prices of liquor so as to equalize both to that illicitly made and imported across the frontiers, were also suggested. There would be no loss to Government as illicit and contraband liquors would be brought under licit sales to the enhancement of Excise Revenue, and under supervision and control of Government, supported by the Deputy Commissioners but regulated by the Excise Commissioner. (d) Submitted the Excise reports of Detected & Collated cases to the Excise Commissioner through the Deputy Commissioner of Kadur. (e) Asked the Deputy Commissioners of Kadur and Shemoga, for Police aid being personally attached to the Detective staff and showed how this was to be done practically. Disposed of other papers which came to hand. (f) Visited Sugar refineries at Bangalore - Prepared apparatus and started to make Jaggery and Sugar according to the native method and revive the trade in the Nesekere Taluk - Engaged Professionals to do the work (Vide Excise Commissioners No 2416/441 Dated 28th October 1892)

24th to 27th } (g). Arrived at Nesekere, Saw Amildar
- Nesekere - } and Jaggery makers, inspected Varnas work books Abs

from Cochin to do the work required

28th April 1893 — (4) Rader, found Detective Subhands work still defective. He complained of ill-health, reported to Deputy Commissioner and took him to Shemoga to place him under Medical Observation.

29th Tarekere } (5) Met D'costa, discussed work with him. He was told strictly not to employ informers and to obey the orders of the Excise Commr. in this behalf.

30th April 1893 } (6) Left Tarekere for Shemoga and stopped at Benkipoor.

27th 28th 29th 30th Inspection } Inspected the Bonded Depôts of Aseekere, Rader, Tarekere and Benkipoor and certain Retail Arrack and drug Shops. The usual Inspection Reports were sent to the Deputy Commissioners of Hassan Rader and Shemoga in due course.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most Obedient Servant

J. W. Bruce
Special Assistant Excise Commissioner
In Mysore

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Special Assistant Excise Commissioners
Office, Bangalore, Dated 4th/15th August 1893

No. 108

Enclosure 1 to Sl. 1

From

The Special Assistant
Excise Commissioner

To The Excise Commissioner
in Mysore

Enclosure

Sir:—

I have the honor to submit the following report of work performed by me in the month of May 1893, revised and summarized as desired by you in docket No. 6238/960 dated 3rd June 1893

Office work and General duties
1st to 5th Dy. Comrs Shemoga
14th to 16th do Hassan
25th to 26th do Kadur

(a) Personally engaged with the 3 Deputy Commissioners of Shemoga Hassan and Kadur on the dates indicated and discussed both General and Detective work, on the new lines laid out by the Excise Commissioner. The Deputy Commissioners wanted notes to be prepared on the points discussed. (b) The Sales of Shops and other Statistics required were collected and notes on the profits and loss to the Retail Vendors were prepared and given to the Deputy Commissioners of Shemoga and Hassan as was done to the Deputy Commissioner of Kadur in April last— (c) Furnished notes on the absolute necessity of retaining Detective Staff to do Detective work alone under all heads of Excise and the General staff to attend to the inspection of Shops, enforcing the License Rules and Submitting the

the letters required. Pointed out the necessity of employing one of the _____ most experienced Detectives in the force to put down the contraband trade in liquor and of entertaining Private Detectives to aid him, to all the 3 Deputy Commissioners. It was also suggested that 35 OP should be sold to meet the demand of the coolies employed by the Planters with a view to bring it as near as possible to that at which illicit liquor is made and sold or contraband liquor imported now. (d) The Detectives of Shemoga District were assembled. They were personally enjoined again not to employ informers as heretofore as ordered by the Excise Commissioner and directed to do Detective work in disguise themselves with the aid of their staff. They represented the impossibility of this and presented a petition signed by every one of them and asked me to forward the same to you. Their complaint appeared to me reasonable as the plan suggested by you was tried over and over again at the outset and utterly failed to obtain a single case. I therefore forwarded it to the Deputy Commissioner with my own experience and views on the subject. Detective Subbanna was left at Shemoga and a substitute was appointed with the consent of both the Deputy Commissioners in lieu of that Officer (e) Personally engaged with the Deputy Commissioner of Hassan as above from 14th to 16th. Prepared similar notes and gave them to him so far as it related to that District (7) Waited on the Deputy Commissioner Kadur from 25th to 26th. Reported that Rajoo Moodr was in my opinion not fit

for the Detective for he was tried and failed. He meddled the Illicit Distillation cases he took up. Obstructed the work of the Regular Detective staff and was directed to stick to his own work in which line he has done excellent Service in the face of much opposition

Circuit

6th to 9th } (G) Returned from Shemoga to Tarikere
17th to 18th } Returned from Hassan to do
22nd to 24th } Started from Tarikere & reached Chick Magalur
27th to 29th } Returned from Chick Magalur to Tarikere

(H) Met Detective D'costa again at Tarikere on the 6th. Submitted a petition from him representing the impossibility of finding out Illicit Distillation cases without the aid of informers then to the Deputy Commissioner of Kadur. Detective D'costa was personally given instructions as to how he should work both in the Ranges of "Kadur & Tarikere" (part) and Chick magalur, during the absence of Detectives Sal dhana and Prakasam Naidu. The duties incumbents were placed under his Supervision. A Substitute for Prakasam Naidu was also taken from the Revenue line, with the consent of the Deputy Commissioner. He had much experience of the Lambanies and afforded Valuable help to Several Detectives. He was a Revenue Inspector and had enough of education to do Detective work for the Short time his experience was needed. He was a Mahomedan gifted with both courage and energy. His Short training in the Detective line would have eventually enabled the Deputy Commissioner

to have on his return to his own line, one box
and a piece of valuable and to this department
The matter was reported to the Excise Commissioner
by the Deputy Commissioner, who has since cancelled
the arrangements made and appointed Tester
Rajia Moodeen to whom I took exception -

10th to 11th
19th to 22nd
30th and 31st } (I) Disposed of the Tappal and
checked diaries, inspected the
Jaggery ovens and the Temporary experimental
Sugar Factory at Santanhally

Inspection
4th, to 6th,
16th, 24th, 26th, } (I) Inspected the Bonded Depots
of Benkipoor, Tarikere, Tumkur
Shemoga, Kudur, Hassan and Chickmagalur
and the Retail Shops. The usual reports were
submitted to the respective Deputy Commissioners
in due course

I have the honour to be
Sir
Your most obedient Servant

Special Assistant Excise Commissioner
In Mysore

Special Asst. to Commr. Office
Bangalore

FR No 445/1140

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Enclosures 15/8/93

From

The Special Assistant Excise
Commissioner
in Mysore

To

Enclosed 4 to 11 1/11

The Excise Commissioner
in Mysore

Dy 4th/15th August 1893
Rec: 109
Encls 3 reports

Sir,

In reply to your docket No: 6238/960 dated 3rd June I have the honor to state that to please you and endeavour to do what you required of me I personally called on Mr. Pallanna Chetty at the time and more than once afterwards for advice and obtained from him a perusal of some of the diaries rendered by Police Superintendents, and, I have, I respectfully submit, practically adopted that form, as far as I could do so, consistent with the nature of the work I have to perform and the powers conferred on me at present in the Excise Department admitted of my doing so legally in the reports I have sent in to you.

2 I gathered from the Police Superintendents diaries the following information which I group hereunder three heads.

I Office work.

II General - such as (a) visiting Police Stations; (b) inspecting clothing; (c) visiting Railway Stations; (d) directing patrolling work, beats, drills; (e) stages travelled; (f) Seeing Inspector General of Police for advice and orders.

III Conducting enquiry in criminal cases.

3 Under the orders of Government
Ex 5416-25 cir: 113 dated 14th August 1890
my subordinates are required to submit
their diaries to me, and I am required
to send them up with my remarks
(vide Para 4); while I am directed to send
any reports and periodical statements
the Excise Commissioner or Deputy
Commissioners need (vide end of Para 5).
I have done so up to this time, and in
this particular instance furnished de-
-tailed reports of the work performed
by me monthly

4 In my present reports I have collected and noted the dates on which I was confined exclusively to my desk and noted the facts under I "Office work" "General"

Enclosed herein for 3 months. March April & May

5 Under this head I have summarized the work performed by me and recorded important facts connected with my work and duties. As you took exception to the length of those notes I have re-read the information and summarized the facts as briefly as I could do so- consistent with the impor-
-tance of the events recorded during the period to which each report pertains.

III Enquiry into Cases 6 The Superintendent of Police and the Special Assistant Excise Commis-
-sioner work under two different acts of the Legislature. The former have power to legally do what they are doing and can record the same; while, the latter though a "Deputy Commissioner of Excise" is, as yet, precluded from doing under the Excise Act that which the Police Superintendent is doing under the criminal laws; as, he has not, up

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to this, been properly empowered by Government to exercise those powers under the Excise Act. This point, with the whole question of the future duties and powers of the Special Assistant Excise Commissioner are now before the Government and Government have expressly promised to deal with the subject in due course. I therefore solicit that Government be moved by you to pass early orders in the matter to enable me to carry out my work, without any friction, which in the absence of such rules must inevitably be the case. In the meantime I beg respectfully to bring to your notice that Government expressly enjoined in the orders of 11th August 1890, afore quoted, that if it be found necessary to "actually withdraw "from me any work or powers now "done or exercised by me the orders "of Government should be obtained"

From the above it will be clearly seen that I have done my best to give effect to your instructions, in accordance with the procedure I have followed heretofore, and in the absence of any special rules being published in my behalf, under the Excise Act. Government have promised to frame and issue these but have not done so upto this time, but which Government tend now to do shortly. -

8 I therefore again solicit you will be good enough to pass my travelling allowance bills, as I had

had to borrow money and pay heavy interest thereon to do my work, up to this time, and will not be able to leave Head Quarters again, for want of funds, as I have exhausted all my resources.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your obedient Servant
J. G. W. Russell
Spl. Assistant Excise Commissioner

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From
The Special Assistant
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To The Excise Commissioner
in Mysore

DO/25 17/8/93
Dated 15th August/93

Sir: —

I have the honor to submit the following report on the work performed by me in the months of June 1893 —

Nasekere 1st 2nd 7th 17th 18th 23rd and 28th } Office work and General duties, Visit to Vanasetty, Kelasekere halla and Channapura Vanas to inspect the Vanas to be reserved for the manufacture of Jaggery — I also inspected exports, the Vanas reserved for the supply to the Sackleshpur Hobli Taluks and invited the Jaggery Vendigas to come and see the Sugar boiling and to take up the Vanas closed now — A full report as to the number of Spare trees available in the Nasekere Taluk, for Sugar and Jaggery making, after meeting the requirements of that Taluk, Sackleshpur Hassan &c, as well as any probable

probable demand likely to arise for the Amani Farm of the city and station of Bangalore, was submitted to the Deputy Commissioner, together with the application of Mrs. St. Martin for Jaggery owners in the Sesekeal Taluk. - Reply awaited - The season is drawn near to commence operations and time is short to secure the aid needed.

3rd to 6th, 8th to 18th, 19th to 23rd and 29th and 30th } Sanctioned Toddy Vanes - Marked off the trees suited for Jaggery and Sugar making. The work was commenced from the 7th. The result will be reported when the experiment has been completed. The Amildar was asked to send all the Reddiyas and others interested in Jaggery and Sugar making, to witness the Sugar boiling. No one appeared as all the men have entered into engagements to draw Toddy to meet demands elsewhere and could not leave their work - ~~absconded~~. Small samples of liquor distilled from pure Toddy, Toddy mixed with date Jaggery & date Jaggery mixed with water, were distilled. A detail report will follow on these points when the statistics required are all completely analysed. The Deputy Commissioner was informed of all these particulars in person on the 23rd/24 June 1893, and shown a sample of the Sugar made. The work was very often stopped on account of unusually heavy rains. Very weak suffering from hemorrhage.

24th and 28th } Sesekeere to Bangalore and Bangalore back to Sesekeere -

25th, 26th and 27th } Bangalore Head Quarters - Received Tappal and disposed of all routine papers and diaries from Assistant Superviseors [illegible], and during the time I was in camp, as far as I was able to do so, daily. -

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient Servant

Special Assistant
Excise Commissioner

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From
The Special Assistant
Excise Commissioner
Cenelosecell SL1
To The Excise Commissioner
in Mysore

No 126
Dated 15th August /93

Sir: — 17/82

I have the honor to submit the following report on the work performed by me in the month of July 1893:—

1st to 7th } Hesekere and Santanhally
20th to 21st } Supervising the manufacture of Sugar and Jaggery. Met the Deputy Commissioner Kadur on the 20th July as desired by him. Explained to him in detail, the result of the experiments made in making Jaggery and Sugar, showed him Samples of Sugar and liquor made in person and the advantages to be derived by utilizing the Bagasse Toddy and surplus date Toddy to make Sugar and Jaggery and to distil and issue to meet the Wants of the Inland Ships. Also discussed the difficulties in carrying on Detective Work under the orders recently issued instead of the plan heretofore adopted.

7th 19th + 22nd } Travelled from Hesekere to Bangalore and from Bangalore to Hesekere

8th to 18th
28th to 31st } Bangalore Head Quarters. Received and disposed of current papers, diaries and other miscellaneous references, received during this period and did so also as far as I was able to do in camp daily. On the 11th July went to Distillery and showed Mr Colvert Specimens of sugar made and disposed of the Jaggery manufactured. Called at city station and cleared out Jaggery to the Distillery Details will be given in a Special report. Rajoo Moodeliar Acting Detective Assistant Supervisor, reported a case of the illegal import of the contraband liquor into Mysore Territory from Bangalore, by a Bottle Planter named Mr Cobillo of Neelgunda bottle estate, Mundagere Taluk. The result is noted in the 28th Weeks report for August 1893. On the 28th brought in all the Syrups made at the Vanas prepared for Sugar and Sugar candy as there was no time for it to "set" in at the Vanas. Got a professional Sugar-maker to reboil the same and "re-set" the Syrups after trying his abilities by making him turn out Samples of White and brown Sugar and Sugar candy, as made here according to native method. Sick fever &c., very rank sweltering fever have all the time I was in camp

21st July 1893 } Inspected the Bonded Depot and the Retail Shop at Nesikere. The usual report was submitted to the Deputy Commissioner of Hassan

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient Servant
[signature]
Special Assistant
Excise Commissioner

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From
The Special Assistant
to Excise Commissioner
Enclosed to Sl 1
To The Excise Commissioner
In Mysore

No 127
Dated 15th August 1893 17/8/93

Sir, —

I have the honor to submit the following report of work performed by me from 1st to 7th
1st to 7th } Bangalore Office work disposed of current papers &c.
The accused in the contraband liquor case alluded to in last report admitted that he purchased the liquor from a Retail Shopkeeper in the Mandapet Cutcherry and was fined only Rs 10/ The inadequacy of the fine and other points touching on the case formed the subject of a Special report to the Deputy Commissioner to which I beg to refer you. —

Note. I was not able to send the reports weekly upto this date I could not lay my hands on the copies of the Police Superintendents Diaries, to which I was referred as they were mislaid by the late clerk and all the papers

here and at Head Quarters, had to be overhauled
ere they were found. These reports will be sent
Weekly hereafter as desired.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most Obedient Servant
J. G. Wheelock
Special Assistant
Music Commissioner

(General Serial No. 30.)

1893.

From

The Special Assistant
Excise Commissioner
Enclosures to Sl. for 1893

To The Excise Commissioner
in Mysore

Dated 15th August 1893

Despatched 15th do

Received

Enclosures No. 2

General No. 128
Cir:— No.

Adverting to para 8 of my report No. 109 dated 4th August 1893, I have the honor to submit my travelling allowance bills for the months of June and July 1893, and solicit that under the circumstances therein represented the bills now sent may be kindly passed on to the Comptroller for audit with those already despatched at an early date, the total amount due aggregates Rs 609-2-0

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient servant

Special Assistant
Excise Commissioner

Financial Serial No. 107.

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Government of Mysore

Dr.

To

My Batta or Mileage whilst absent from Head-quarters during the month of June 1893

From			To			No. of Miles travelled.	No. of Days halted.	Rate of Batta or Mileage.	Amount.			Remarks as to object of journey in each case.
Date and Hour of Starting. Date	A. M. or P. M.	Name of Station.	Date and Hour of Arrival. Date.	A. M. or P. M.	Name of Station.				Rs.	A.	P	
1st June	11 AM	Arsikere	1st	4 PM	Vanasitthally, Kellekere and Channapatna	6		6 As	2	4		
	5 PM	Channapatna	1st	7 PM	Kellekere Vanasitthally and Arsikere	6		6 As	2	4		
2nd June	Halt at Arsikere						1	3 As	3			
3rd	2 PM	Arsikere	3rd	4 PM	Santanhally	6		6 As	2	4		
4th, 5th & 6th	June. Halt at Santanhally						3	3 As	9			
7th June	2 PM	Santanhally	7th	5 PM	Arsikere	6		6 As	2	4		
8th	2 PM	Arsikere	8th	4 PM	Santanhally	6		6 As	2	4		
9th to 16th June	(Eight days inclusive)	Halt at Santanhall					8	3 As	24			
17th June	2 PM	Santanhally	17th	4 PM	Arsikere	6		6 As	2	4		
18th June.	Halt at Arsikere						1	3 As	3			
19th	2 PM	Arsikere	19th	5 PM	Santanhally	6		6 As	2	4		
20th 21st & 22nd	June. Halt at Santanhally						3	3 As	9			
23rd June	5 PM	Santanhally	23rd	7 PM	Arsikere	6		6 As	2	4		
24th	9 AM	Arsikere	24	3-30 PM	Bangalore by train	Double 1st class Railway fare			12	14		
25th, 26th and 27th	Halt at Bangalore Head Quarters											
28th June	2-5 PM	Bangalore	28th	8-30 PM	Arsikere by train	Double 1st class Railway fare			12	14		
29th	1 PM	Arsikere	29th	4 PM	Santanhally	6		6 As	2	4		
30th	Halt at Santanhally						1	3 As	3			
		Total Rs.....	Ninety Seven			54	17		97			

Received during my absence from Head-quarters, money advanced in Rs 100, Rupees, Postage and Postal Stamps in the Arsikere Taluk. The result will be reported in due course.

Countersigned for Rs:

Date

Audit Stamp.

I certify that I maintained camp equipage during the period for which full daily halting allowance is claimed in this bill.

I also certify that I travelled on this Railway journey by the 1st class.

Date 15 August 1893

Special Asst Inspector Commissariat

Financial Serial No. 107

Government of Mysore

To

Dr.

My Batta or Mileage whilst absent from Head-quarters during the month of July 1893

From

To Tavel Fees for 1

Date and Hour of Starting. Date.	A. M. or P. M.	Name of Station.	Date and Hour of Arrival. Date.	A. M. or P. M.	Name of Station.	No. of Miles travelled.	No. of Days halted.	Rate of Batta or Mileage.	Amount. Rs.	A.	P.	Remarks as to object of journey in each case.
1st July 1893	4 P.M.	Santanhally	1st	6 P.M.	Aseekere	6	—	6as	2	4	0	In connection with the enforcement of Abkari Regulations & duties
2nd	Halt at Aseekere					—	1	3Rs	3	—	—	
3rd	9 am	Aseekere	3rd	11 am	Santanhally	6	—	6as	2	4	0	
4th	Halt at Santanhally					—	1	3Rs	3	—	—	
5th	2 P.M.	Santanhally	6th	4 P.M.	Aseekere	6	—	6as	2	4	0	
6th	Halt at Aseekere					—	1	3Rs	3	—	—	
7th	7½ am	Aseekere	7th	1 P.M.	Bangalore mail train double 1st class by fare				12	14	0	To meet the Deputy Commissioner of Kolar on official duties
19th	2¼ P.M.	Bangalore	19th	8½ P.M.	Aseekere mail train				12	14	0	
20th and 21st	Halt at Aseekere					—	2	3Rs	6	—	—	
22nd	7 am	Aseekere	22nd	2 P.M.	Bangalore double 1st class by fare				12	14	0	
					Total	18	5	—	60	6	0	
Add the cost of carrying the camp equipage from Aseekere to Bangalore 105 miles at ½ the rate of mileage allowed viz at 3 annas						105		3as	19	11	0	
					Grand Total Rs.				80	1	0	

Total Rs..... Eighty and annas one only

Countersigned for Rs.

Date

Audit Stamp.

I certify that I maintained camp equipage during the period for which full daily halting allowance is claimed in this bill.

I also certify that I travelled on this Railway journey by the 1st class.

Date 14th August 1893

H. W. Bruce
Supt. Aseekere Excise Dist.
S. Bangalore

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From

The Special Assistant

Excise Commissioner

Enclosed

To

The Excise Commissioner

In Mysore

Dated 26th August/93 5/9/93

No 185 1st Sept

Sir: —

I have the honor to submit the following report of the work performed by me for the week ending 22nd August 1893

16th to 22nd } Bangalore, disposed of the routine papers received from Detective Assistant Supervisors during the week. The 20th was Sunday. Detective Assistant Supervisor Gyan Row, has — reported that his Assistant Tester and peons when sent to patrol the Thandas, found out an Illicit Distillation case at Gudda Koppa, Chenagiri Taluk. Further details called for and will be noted in next Weekly report: —

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your Most Obedient Servant

[signature]

Special Assistant

Excise Commissioner

Official Memo 19 1/e

Read the special Excise Assistant Commissioner's letter No: 310, dated 7th instant. Con. closed to Sl 1

Order thereon No 4966/775 dated 14/15th March 93

1. Detective Assistant Supervisor Prakasam was posted to the Kadur district for detective work by the Excise Commissioner, so long ago as 2nd of February 1891. All the members of the Executive Excise staff are responsible for the prevention and detection of crime under the Excise and opium acts. An Excise official who is considered unfit for detective work, is not fit even for the general branch of the executive staff, the members whereof have to do the detective work also. When Detective assistant Supervisor Guru Row lately tried for transfer to to the general line in Maidan, on the

the grounds of ill-health, similar orders were passed; and ~~thereupon~~ thereupon he joined his duties as Detective & Assistant Supervisor in the Shemoga District.

2. Rangiah Naidu of Tumkur was promoted to 2nd grade General assistant Supervisorship virtually permanently; but because the Detective staff to which Prakasam was transferred, has not yet been permanently sanctioned by Government, Rangiah Naidu's promotion is treated as temporary, subject to the confirmation of the Detective staff. Under such circumstances, Rangiah Naidu's promotion cannot be disturbed pending the orders of Government in regard to the temporary Detective staff.

3 On Krishna Row's appointment as Doddy Darogah of Tumkur, Mr. Costello was appointed Head Quarters Tester on Rs 35+10 with a personal allowance

allowance of Rs 5/- As his present appointment at the Distillery is only acting, neither Masaramkhan nor Mr. Lowry can be appointed as Head Quarter Tester on Rs 35+10 vice Mr. Krishna Row.

4. The Special Excise Assistant-Commissioner should not have written to the Civil Surgeon direct, about Prakasam.

5. No arrangements should be proposed by the Special Excise Assistant Commissioner without the consent of the Deputy Commissioners concerned.

6. At present no appointment is available for Prakasam in the general line.

(Sd) L. Ricketts
Excise Commissioner
in Mysore

To
The Special Excise Assistant
Commissioner, in Mysore

/Copy/
L Ricketts
Excise Commissioner

No: 310

Special Excise Assistant Commissioner's Office
Camp Chickanayakanahalli 7th March 1893.

No 2677

From.

The Special Excise Assistant
Commissioner in special
direct charge of the Detective Branch

To Encloseed to
Sd
The Excise Commissioner
at Mysore

Sir.

Adverting to the marginally noted extract from your official memorandum para 4,

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> 4. Rungiah Naidu to continue as 2nd grade General Assistant Supervisor Tumkur district temporarily on Rs 50 + 15 during the temporary employment of Prakasam Naidu as detective Assistant Supervisor, or until further orders.
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I have the honor to enclose Dy Tumkur's docket No: 1359 dated 7th instant and to state that on trial I found temporary detective Assistant Supervisor Prakasam Naidu physically and otherwise unequal to cope with the arduous and delicate work devolving on detectives engaged in unearthing illicit distillation which from his antecedents in the general Branch, I had anticipated would have turned him out a successful detective.

2. Under those circumstances I solicit he may be permitted to remain to his permanent post as General Assistant Supervisor Tumkur district and as his case is of a critical a stamp as indicated by the enclosed docket I have permitted him to wait on you for orders and suggest the following re-arrangem

be made in the General Department.

3. Temporary Detective Asistant Supervisor Prakasam Naidu to revert to his permanent post of General Asistant Supervisor Tumkur on Rs 50 + 15 = 65.

2. Rangiah Naidu Temporary General Asistant Supervisor 2nd grade Tumkur district to revert to his permanent post of General Asistant Supervisor 3rd grade Chitaldroorg district on Rs 40 + 15 = 55.

3. Mr J.B. Lowry Temporary General Asistant Supervisor Chitaldroorg to be Temporary Head Counters Taster on Rs 35 + 10 = 45 to fill an existing vacancy vice Krishna Rao appointed Toddy Daroga in Tumkur district in Rs 40 + 15 = 55 and thereby cancelling the Temporary arrangements now existing consequent on Mr Castellos reversion pro tem to the distillery.

4. Temporary Detective Asistant Supervisor Nagarajaiah on Rs 60 + 15 = 75 to be permanent Head Counters Taster Bangalore vice Krishna Rao transferred to the Toddy Department but to continue to do duty in his present Temporary post as Temporary Detective Asistant Supervisor until further orders.

5. The Deputy Commissioner of Kaisan will take steps to retire General Asistant Supervisor Moodaswamy Naidu and send in his papers to

to the Excise Commissioner with a view to certain Temporary Hands (viz Mascareenas and Lowry) being permanently provided for in that arrangement.

3. As I am debarred from giving effect to the orders of Government No: 1152 dated 24 March 1890 para 7 by asking for men in my humble opinion competent to do Detective work or at least deserving of a trial in the Detective Line by selecting one of the three Officers as per margin as Temporary Detective Assistant Superintendents by the unwillingness of the Deputy Commissioners concerned to allow me to promote the men I wish to have on trial I solicit that Abdul Khurreem Head Munshee of the Shimoga district Police Officer, may be appointed Temporary Detective Assistant Superintendent Kadur District and posted to Chickamangalur vice Prakasam Naidu, but to work under Detective Assistant Superintendent Abdul Karim for the next 3 months to gain the required experience in the Detective Line.

1. Rangaraa Modelliar
   2oddy Daragha Kolar
2. Venkat Ramiah
   General Assistant
   Superintendent Kolar
3. Ramaniswamy Modelliar
   2oddy Daragha
   Chikaballapur

I have the honour to be
Sir
Your most obedient servant
D. W. Smeeth
Special Excise Assistant Commissioner

Lost Work

Sl 1

(General Serial No. 28.)

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From CIVIL SURGEON'S OFFICE No. 1359 DATE 7-3-93 CHIKMAGLORE KADUR DISTRICT

To The Special Assistant Exci Commissioner in Mysore

Dated

Despatched

Received 15/3/93

General No. 189
No.

Enclosures—Number

Office No: 303 of 6-3-93

In reply, has the honour to state that the undersigned would Recommend the Early transfer of Temporary Detective associate

No 3544/294 End 2

Shimoga District
Deputy Commissioner's Office
Shimoga 23d June 1893

To

The Excise Commissioner 1/2
in Mysore

Sir,

Enclosure to
Sl 1

In continuation of this office letter No 3537/292 dated 21st Instant, I have the honor to submit for orders the enclosed copy of the Special Excise Assistant Commissioner's letter of the 14th ultimo, with its enclosure.

2. I regret Considerably to be constrained to remark that that officer would have done better if he had not countenanced his subordinates so as to embolden them in submitting a petition of the kind. No good work can be expected from the Detective Assistant Supervisors if they are to be petted and encouraged to put forward such paltry excuses.

3. I regret further to state that I cannot agree with Mr. Mc Donnell in thinking that it is absolutely necessary to employ private informers in every case of illicit distillation. The Detective staff ought to be able to detect all ordinary cases which exist only in the Lambani Thandas and are generally easy of detection by persons who possess an average amount of Courage and pluck.

4. I am not at all in favor of the Subordinate officials of the Detective branch spending money at will on private informers without the necessary supervision, Control, or check of the higher officers. I have already recommended that the Special Excise Assistant Commissioner may be allowed to employ private informers

in

in one or two Contiguous Taluks of this and the Kadur District, the detective Subordinates of those Taluks, as well as the private informers proposed to be employed under them, working directly under the personal supervision and guidance of that officer

I have &c

/sd/ Abdul Rehman K.B.
Deputy Commissioner
Shimoga District

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S Ricketts
Excise Commissioner

This is copied in page 15

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SECTION S R

FILE No. 46-93-94

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From The Special Assistant Excise Commissioner

To The Chief Secretary to the Government of Mysore Bangalore

Ref. of the Letter of Reference

FILE No.

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SECTION S R

FILE No. 46-93-94

SERIAL No. 2

Read this letter

order thereon 9th A 8 Sept 93

No 197

Dated 9th September

Sir! —

Received 11th Sept 93

I have the honor to enclose with regret Copy of Mr. Ricketts docket No 925/254 Dated 8th September 1893 and my reply thereto No 196 dated 9th Instant, and solicit the same may be laid before Government today —

2. You will see that Mr. Ricketts has suspended me from work in the Excise Department and wants thereby to force the action of Government to take a line of procedure which is opposed to all sense of justice and equity on the one hand, while it is quite unmerited so regards an official

The Govt have not yet received any report from the Excise — This letter with its enclosures will therefore be forwarded to the Comr for an immediate report —

By order
L Nanda Rao
Chief Sec

AS
9/9/93

To
Excise Comr
Cby to speed and
Excise Comr

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of my standing position and 30 years' faithful Service, who has sacrificed health and comforts, done so much for the Excise Department, and contributed, by his untiring activity and zeal, as acknowledged by Government, 35,00,000 Rs of Excise Revenue to the Public Exchequer over and above the steady yearly increase since 1878-79 (vide separate papers which will follow); and, therefore, deserving of every consideration and support and not to the humiliations, degradations and insults which have been thrust on me by the Excise Commissioner. As Mr. Ricketts has, by his last act, now under advisement, set me free, I take the liberty of enclosing a printed letter* to your address direct and most respectfully and earnestly entreat it, and this letter, and its enclosures, may be kindly laid before His Excellency the Dewan to day, as Mr. Ricketts has failed to render me the Reparation due by one Gentleman to another! —

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient servant
[signature]
Special Assistant
Excise Commissioner

* Will follow as soon as necessary printed matter is sent up to me.
[signature]
S. A. E. C.
Received

From 1427 To

The Excise Commissioner
in Mysore

Encl. to No. 2

Enclosure 2
to No. 2

The Special Assistant
Commissioner
in Mysore

Dated 8th September 1893.

No: 925/254

With reference to para 8 of his letter No: 109 dated 4/15th August 1893, in which the Special Assistant Commissioner says that he had to borrow money and pay heavy interest thereon to do his work, and will not be able to have Head Quarters again for want of funds in consequence of his batta bills having been stopped, the undersigned observes that if such be the case, it is entirely due to his persistently refusing to submit Vicaries in the form and manner prescribed by the Excise Commissioner. This fact and other circumstances connected with the line of conduct pursued by the Special Assistant Commissioner, have been reported to Government.

Pending

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Pending the receipt of orders of Government on the Report the Special Assistant Commissioner is hereby directed to abstain from any further work in this Departments, and await the orders of Government. —

Sd/ L. Ricketts
Excise Commissioner
in Mysore.

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Sd/ [illegible]
Asst Sec. to Govt
in Mysore

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From

The Special Assistant Excise Commissioner
in Nagpore — 2
Enclosure to

To, The Excise Commissioner SL2
in Nagpore;

Dated 4/15th August 1893.

Rec: 109, + Encs: 8

Sir,

In reply to your docket Rec: 6238/960, dated 3/6th June 1893, I have the honour to state that to please you and endeavour to do what you required of me, I personally called on Mr. Puttanna Chetty at that time and more than once afterwards for advice and obtained from him a perusal of some of the diaries rendered by Police Superintendents and, I have, I respectfully submit, practically adopted that forum, as far as I could do so, consistent with the nature of the work I have to perform and the powers conferred on me at present in the Excise department, admitted of my doing so legally in the reports that I have sent in to you.

2. I gathered from the Police Superintendents' diaries the following information which I group below under three heads.

I. Office work.

II. General, such as (a) visiting Police stations, (b) inspecting clothing;

(c)

(c), visiting Railway stations; (d) directing patrolling work, beats, drills; (e) stages travelled; (f) seeing Inspector General of Police for advice and orders.

III. Conducting enquiry in criminal cases.

3. Under the orders of Government No: 5416-25, Cir: 113, dated 14th August 1890, my subordinates are required to submit their diaries to me and I am required to send them up with my remarks (vide para 4), while I am directed to send any reports and periodical statements to Excise Commr. or Deputy Commissioners need (vide end of para 5) I have done so up to this time and in this particular instance furnished detailed reports of the work performed by me monthly.

4. In my present reports* (3, herein enclosed) I have collected and noted the dates on which I was confined exclusively to my desk and noted the fact under "Office work".

* For March, April, and May.

"General" 5. Under this head I have summarized the work performed by me and recorded important facts connected with my work and duties. As you took exception to the length &c of those notes I have recast the information and summarized the facts as briefly as I could do so, consistent with the importance the events recorded during the period to which each report pertains.

III Enquiry into cases 6. The Superintendent of Police

Police and the Special Assistant Excise Commissioners work under two different acts of the Legislature. The former have power to legally do what they are doing and can record the same; while the latter, though a "Deputy Commissioner of Excise", is, as yet, precluded from doing under the Excise Act that which the Police Superintendent is doing under the Criminal laws; as he has, not up to this, been properly empowered by Government to exercise those powers under the Excise Act. This point, with the whole question of the future duties and powers of the Special Assistant Excise Commissioners are now before Government; and Government have expressly promised to deal with the subject in due course. I therefore solicit that Government be moved by you to pass early orders in the matter to enable me to carry out my work, without any friction, which in the absence of such rules must inevitably be the case. In the meantime I beg respectfully to bring to your notice that Government expressly enjoined in the orders of 14th August 1890, aforequoted, "that if it be found "necessary to actually withdraw from "me any work or powers now done or "exercised by me the orders of Govt "should be obtained."

7. From the above it will be clearly seen that I have done my best to give effect to your instructions in accordance with

with the procedure I have followed heretofore and in the absence of any Special rules being published in my behalf under the Excise Act, as Govt have promised to frame and issue, but have not done upto this time, but which Government intend now to do shortly.

8. I therefore again solicit you will be good enough to pass my travelling allowance bills, as I had to borrow money and pay heavy interest thereon to do my work, upto this time, and I will not be able to leave Head Quarters again, for want of funds as I have exhausted all my resources.

Thanks.

(Signed) J.G. McDonnell.
Special Asst Excise Commr.

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Spl Asst to Excise Comr
In Mysore

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From
The Special Assistant
Mysore Commissioner
In Mysore

Enclosure 1 to 12

To The Mysore Commissioner
In Mysore

No 196

Dated 9th September

1. In acknowledging receipt of your docket No 925/254 dated 8th September 1893, I have the honour to state that I have, as I have already explained in para 3 of my letter to you No 109 dated 4th August 1893, done my best to comply with your wishes and have not only strictly adhered to the orders of Government in this matter, and the procedure followed by me heretofore, but have also followed the lines prescribed by the Madras Government for Officers of my rank in the Abkaree Department of the Madras Presidency.

2. It is not for me to animadvert on the procedure and exceptional construction

You have been pleased to place on my whole work and actions in this and other matters of the most vital importance to the State and Public interest, and in also withholding, on merely imaginary grounds, the travelling allowance bills for several months of an officer on the Graded List without the authority of Government — All this I leave to the justice of an impartial Government to decide, not only as it affects the relations of the Excise Commissioner and those of the Special Assistant Excise Commissioner, but in the interests of the Public and those of the State, which have been jeopardized by the orders passed by you.

3. I have kept Silence so long because I have been advised to do so. But now, in justice to the position I hold under Government, I beg to take the liberty of most emphatically informing you that I am like yourself a Servant of Government on the Graded List and as such, receive my appointment, — commendations, censures, and suspensions — all direct from this Honble Government — not from a fellow Official but one Step higher on that list like yourself, who is therefore incompetent to pass an order of the Stamp indicated under any circumstances whatsoever but least wise so on a mere matter of purely departmental procedure which it was your bounden duty to have laid before Government for orders

more than a year, at the very least 6 months ago

4. Under the foregoing circumstances I demand an immediate apology for the unwarranted course you have adopted by the abuse of your powers as Excise Commissioner in inflicting what I consider virtually in the concluding para of your docket under reply, to be an act of suspension on an Officer on the Graded List on totally unmerited and unjustifiable grounds. If I do not receive a full and satisfactory apology from you by two o'clock this day, I shall appeal to Government for redress against the unmerited and unwarranted insult you have inflicted on me in this case

I have the

(Signed) J. G. McDonell
Special Assistant
Excise Commissioner

"City"

The Hon'ble Excise Commr
&c &c &c

Duplicate

Enclosure to the Office No 197 dt the 15th Sept to the Chief Secy to the Govt of Mysore

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Enclosure 2 to SCQ

No. 4. SPECIAL ASSISTANT EXCISE COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE,
DATED 9th September 1893.

FROM
THE SPECIAL ASSISTANT EXCISE COMMISSIONER
IN MYSORE;

To
THE CHIEF SECRETARY
TO THE GOVERNMENT OF MYSORE,
(~~Through the Excise Commissioner in Mysore.~~)

[*Enclosure : One File.*]

SIR,

1. As the Excise Commissioner has deprived me of all my powers and hampered my work so as to preclude the possibility of my doing my duty conscientiously and to the satisfaction of Government, and as those orders virtually also give a death-blow to successfully put down Illicit Distillation and the contraband trade in spirits, I have the honor most respectfully and humbly to solicit I may be pardoned the liberty I am going to take, in this letter of appeal to Government for redress, and entreat you will kindly lay it before His Excellency ~~Sir Seshadri Iyer~~ the Dewan, for orders, as in dealing with the merits of my humble case, it will be seen that the subject matter is of the most vital importance to the Excise Department, and therefore justifies such an appeal, as though the points raised affect the individual, yet it is really Government work which is at stake.

2. In the papers as per margin (extracts appended for ready reference,) my rank, designation and powers were defined, and the nature of my duties generally indicated and acted up to.

1. Procs. of Govt. No. 1382-91—27, dated 29th May 1884, Para. 3.
2. Notification No. 164, dated 15th December 1887.
3. Procs. of Govt. No. 5416-25—Cir. 113, dated 14th August 1890, Para. 1.

3. In conformity with Proceedings and Order of Government Circular No. 323-33, dated 24th September 1891, I took up the special and arduous duties connected with the introduction of the new Toddy Scheme. The successful financial results were recorded in the Proceedings and Orders quoted in the margin. Under the second order, I disposed of all the references from the Amildars *directly* for, and on behalf of, the Deputy Commissioners of seven districts, and not in a single case were the orders so passed by me reversed or modified by those officers. In the eighth District, Mysore, the correspondence with the Amildars was carried on by me through the Deputy Commissioner. I visited the eight Districts on the dates indicated in the margin. During the whole of the 13 months, I was engaged on this special work, I was suffering from liver complaint, but nevertheless continued at my post and did not flinch from inaugurating, carrying on and completing the special, very trying, and important work entrusted to me by Government. In November 1892, Government granted me three months' privilege leave after a continuous service of over 15 years, and in awarding me a bonus of Rs2,500, or five instead of six months' pay as usual, were pleased to place on record, in Order

1. Procs. No. 14237-46—Cir. 211, dated 14th March 1892.
2. Procs. No. 1019-29—Cir. 4, dated 12th April 1892.

Bangalore, 27th April 1892, several times in May and 4th June 1892.
Kolar, 2nd May 1892, 6th June 1892.
Shimoga, 28th June 1892.
Kadur, 19th July 1892.
Hassan, 24th July 1892, 5th September 1892.
Chitaldroog, 1st August and 1st September 1892.
Mysore, 14th October 1892.
Tumkur, 1st November 1892.

No. 6017-8—R. F. 192-92, their appreciation of my special services in the following terms:—Para. 3. "The Special Assistant Commissioner Mr. McDonnell has co-operated with commendable activity in the successful introduction of the New Toddy Scheme. In recognition of his zeal and energy in this matter, and following the precedents of 1882, 1884 and 1887, the Government are pleased to sanction for him a bonus of Rs.2,500."

4. On Mr. Ricketts assuming charge of the Excise Department, in May 1892, His Excellency Sir Seshadri Iyer was pleased in his note of instructions, to request the following course should be adopted as regards myself:—

> *General.*—"Mr. McDonnell should be the Excise Commissioner's Assistant in all matters, including Toddy, *and in special direct charge* of the Distillery and Detective Branch *under the Excise Commissioner.*" (Note the words I have emphasized).

5. As I was still engaged on the special work connected with both Toddy and Arrack alluded to in para. 3 above, I drew up proposals only for entertaining the required Detective Staff, in conformity with the orders of Government passed on 24th March 1890, No. 1152, paras. 6 and 7, (*vide* Appendix No. IV), and laid them before Mr. Ricketts on the 24th May 1892. On the 17th June 1892, the marginally noted remarks were made by Mr. Ricketts on a slip. On the 24th June 1892, Mr. Ricketts approved of my proposals. I proceeded on the 28th June 1892, to give personal instructions to the Detectives, define their Ranges and work, and direct them what to do, as personally desired. The men did not turn up, and the orders passed were withheld. On the 4th July 1892, I received an order No. 2053-182—28th-30th June 1892, which virtually cancelled the programme passed on the 25th Idem. I had therefore to return to Head-Quarters and explain the absolute necessity for adhering to the original programme. But as Mr. Ricketts had still doubts, I, with his approval, waited on His Excellency Sir Seshadri Iyer, and personally obtained His Excellency's approval to the complete severance of the Detective from the General Branch, on the lines sanctioned on 24th March 1890. Mr. Ricketts then took action. (*vide* paras. 6 and 7 below,)

"I am not prepared to pass any order on the subject at present."

"I will see the Dewan on the subject, also Mr. Vijendra Rao."

"At present I have no fixed ideas on the subject, beyond that I consider the Detective Branch, specially in connection with illicit distillation, stated by you to largely prevail, a most important work that must be taken in hand at a very early period."

"I shall probably recommend you being largely employed in this work in connection with out-stills; but I am opposed to two classes of liquors. This however is a point to be settled hereafter. The first thing to be done is to ascertain for yourself pretty accurately the extent of illicit distillation."

"As regards Detective Establishment I shall not object to your having a strong Establishment and your own men."

[Note: This has been mapped out.]

*6. With the Excise Commissioner's letter to Government No.333-13, dated 11th July 1892, a copy of circular No. 324-31—7, dated 11th July 1892, has been sent, which announced to Deputy Commissioners the views of Government, and the change made as follows:—

(1) "As Government have directed the Detective Branch to be placed under the *direct charge* of Mr. McDonnell, Excise Assistant Commissioner, I have the honor to enclose copy of a memo of postings made in the Detective Branch, and the temporary transfers from the General to the Detective line, for information."

(2). "The rank, pay and strength of the General Staff sanctioned by Government in Proceedings No. 1152, dated 24th March 1890, will be adhered to for the present, pending the final transfer of all the hands to the Deputy Commissioners eventually. A memo of *temporary postings* made in the General Branch, consequent on the formation of the Detective Staff, on the scale sanctioned in the said Proceedings, is enclosed for information."

*7. To the statement of postings of Detectives made by the Excise Commissioner the following notes were affixed.

NOTE (2) "There are four vacancies (three temporary and one permanent) of

* Note the words I have emphasized in the quotations made under paras 6 and 7.

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Detective Assistant Supervisors on Rs.60 plus 15 = 75. Any Officer on Rs.50 plus 15 = 65, displaying *marked skill in detecting and prosecuting to conviction cases of Illicit Distillation will be given one step.*"

NOTE (3) "Those officers *found wanting in detective ability* will be relegated to the General Branch. If *found idle and careless they will be dismissed.*"

NOTE (4) "The test for promotion will not rest merely on the detection of a certain numerical number of cases, but each officer will be narrowly watched; and general grounds of honesty, ability and good character will also be duly considered in making promotions."

"Copy of the foregoing is forwarded to each official, who will join at once and report arrival to the Deputy Commissioner of the District and the Excise Assistant Commissioner. *All the Detective Staff will be under the direct control, supervision and orders of Mr. McDonnell.*"

8. As I could not visit the Detective Ranges again, at the time, being engaged on other work (*vide* para 3, above), and the opportunity of doing so having been lost by the incident dated 28th June 1892, alluded to at end of para 5 above, I ordered the Detectives to appear at Arsikere for personal instructions on the 28th July 1892. But only four of them turned up, as the others were disinclined to join, or were engaged on other general work. While now engaged again in this duty on return from leave, I have been recalled by an "Urgent Telegram," to prepare a programme to work the Toddy in Amani for the city and station. I have done the needful and go back now, *shorn of all my powers as a "Special Officer placed in special direct charge of the Detective Branch," and divested of all authority,—to ask, and obey orders, in subordination to the Deputy Commissioners,* whose orders *my subordinates are also to obey, or they will be punished.* (*Vide* para 10 notes, *(a)*, *(b)* and *(c)*.)

9. I now take this opportunity of recording action taken by me to work the Detective Branch from the outset as follows :—

REWARDS AND SECRET SERVICE. *(a)*—It was, on my earnest representations, that Rs.500 were assigned by Government as rewards to be paid to deserving officers and for obtaining secret information of illicit distillation going on. The men in the General Branch, are granted very small salaries, and it was to induce them to actively engage in this arduous and distasteful work, and one which is also attended with danger to life and limb, and to draw out those gifted with detective ability, skill, and aptitude for this work, that the sanction of Government was obtained to mete out rewards *in cash* for work done in this line. Only one Assistant Tester on Rs.15 plus 10 = 25, got a reward—on Colonel Campbell's recommendation. The other, who did better work was not, though recommended, accorded this boon. At the same time I personally explained that the Nomadic tribes lived isolated from the rest of the community, that they were bound by secret ties and fearful oaths involving death to the betrayer, on whom heavy fines were inflicted, or he was ostracized from the tribe, even if only suspected of this ignominious act. Connected as they are in a community in crime to keep out strangers from their Tandas, it would be utterly impossible to get information on the seven points needed (see below) for the Detective to act successfully, in running them in for illicit distillation, except through well paid informers. The Tandas in Coffee Estates lie on private property, and the Planters decidedly object to the presence and action of the Detectives. The Detective is therefore, from the presence of the Planters, in a worse predicament in the Malnad than in the Maidan parts of the District. A person in undress or disguise, cannot therefore possibly obtain the required evidence to justify his entrance and effect a search, from any doubtful information he may thus casually acquire, as, the very presence of a stranger in the Tanda is viewed with suspicion, and to put a question as to illicit distillation or sale of contraband liquor, or even remotely touch on the subject, would defeat the object aimed at. The case is different with Arrack shops. Detective D'Costa has done excellent work here. All my Detectives have been enjoined not to make inspections by entering the shop openly as Excise Officers but as Detectives in the first instance, unless their presence is known, when they are to do so openly and make the usual inspection. A copy of this circular has been sent to the Excise Commissionor with my No. 29, dated 19th September 1892. It is due to the Detective's skilful tact, and knowledge of human nature, and the insight into the character of the informer pitched on or to get that informer at all, in the first instance, that he has been able to glean the information

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X NOTE E.—I give in the margin an extract from Mr. Ricketts' letter to the Dy. Commissioner of Shimoga. Information is given under pledges of the most inviolable secrecy being observed by the Detective, who literally carries that informer's life in his hands. Yet Mr. Ricketts wants the Police to find out the informer and narrowly scrutinize the money advanced, not from the Government Treasury, but from their private purse. Up to this time such private advances are only recouped on the detective obtaining conviction. In scores of cases in which informers have failed the Detectives never got a cash back from Government. Now Mr. Ricketts wants the detectives to break faith with the men who have reposed trust of such vital importance to them as to entail social ostracism and forfeiture of their very lives for the sake of a paltry 4 or 5 Rupees advanced per case in hand. Who will trust detectives who will treat them so shamefully? Is this the sort of encouragement which will bring forward informers to peach on ilicit distillers and contraband traders? Mr. Ricketts' order literally jeopardizes detective work in future. Mr. Ricketts forgets that his order is illegal and that the Legislature has specially interdicted what he has requested the Dy. Commissioner to do. The Dy. Commissioner, if seated on the bench as District Magistrate has not the power to do what Mr. Ricketts wants him to do. I say nothing of the reflection such an order casts on the detective force. Men who have devoted their private means to further Government interests. Men who contributed the rewards granted them, not by the Excise Department, but by the Magistracy to the same end. Men who are working in an insalubrious climate day and night in all weathers. Men who have been assaulted and injured and are daily risking their lives to serve Government. Men who have run in and obtained conviction in over 200 cases. What encouragement is held out to such zealous men to do their work by the mistrust and want of confidence in them such an order must engender in their minds? The Dy. Commissioner has been given by Government a hand full of rupees twelve months ago. He has the whole Police Force, the Taluq Revenue and Village servants at his back, why does not Mr Ricketts ask him how many cases this posse of officers have run in? They have been invested with powers of Excise Officers. In what manner have they displayed their zeal in running in malefactors against the Excise Revenue who are carrying on this nefarious trade within five miles of the Dy Commissioner's gate? Here is legitimate work cut out for the Police Assistant and his Staff, and the Officer made answerable for the Excise Revenue of the District? The Dy Commissioner is of opinion that "the detective staff ought to be able to detect all ordinary "cases which exist only in the Lambany Tandas and are generally easy of detection by "persons who possess an average amount of courage and pluck." How is that so easy and simple a task has been so grossly neglected for the past 12 months? How is that a few score *of such easy cases* were not run in to serve as an example to the special detective staff *by the plucky and courageous staff* at the beck of the Dy. Commissioner though he had a purse full of rupees to gingle as an inducement *to stimulate their pluck and courage.*

Para. 5. "It is not understood how the detectives "have so many cases in hand viz 40 and on which Rs. "223—1—6 are alleged to have been spent. It would "be advisable for the Dy. Commissioner, with the con- "fidential help of his Police Assistant, to narrowly "scrutinize each item of this expenditure so as to ar- "rive at some conclusion in a Police point of view as "to the efficacy or otherwise of the present mode of "operations. If on full investigation, the money seems "to have been properly spent and with a fair cer- "tainty of eventual conviction then such expenditure "can be re-imbursed to the detectives concerned."

relegate, with the Excise Commissioner's sanction, *those of the Temporary Staff to their permanent posts*, as ruled by Government in order, dated 28th March 1890, para. 7. Extract put up. See also the Excise Commissioner's note 3, at foot of statement of appointments made in 11th July 1892, (see para. 7 above). This is not an imaginary case, but one in point. One Detective has proved inefficient under the orders quoted and the Medical Officer states he is risking his life by staying at his post, on medical grounds, and yet I am not permitted to send him back *to his permanent post*, under the orders in question. And though Government have, in Proceedings and Order No. 16339-40—R. F. 117-92, dated 1st April 1893, (*vide* Appendix V) virtually *declined to confirm the Temporary Detective Staff till definite proposals are submitted 15 months hence*, yet I am made to keep an incompetent Detective and a sickly man to risk his life to hamper my work and prove a source of needless expense to Government. (*Vide* extracts from correspondence relative to this officer: appendix No. VI *a* to *e*, and No. VII, para. 5.) The necessity for employing a "Special Officer," instead of entrusting this work to the "Assistant Commissioner" held answerable for the "Excise Revenue of the District," or to the "Assistant Superintendent of Police," under the Deputy Commissioner, is therefore not obvious, if such "Special Officer" *is not allowed to act on his own responsibility*, without being hampered in any way, or his subordinates interfered with as has been the case lately with my staff. This would be necessary if either, or both those Assistant Commissioners, under the Deputy Commissioner, were entrusted with this work, but in the case where this task has been, as in my case, specially delegated to a "Special Officer" who has been placed in "Special direct charge of the Detective branch," if the Detectives have to look to any one else for orders than to such "Special Officer," his authority would be weakened and he will not be able to act with effect. His work would be paralyzed, and in the long run Government interests would suffer, and discredit brought home to him. One Deputy Commissioner does not want a particular officer and wishes to transfer him to another district. The other Deputy Commissioner likes to keep his own man, and does not require the black-sheep of the other, nor will he give up a competent hand in the same grade, in exchange. How is a "Special Officer" to do his duty, if he does not get the men in his judgment fit to do Government work in each tract according to the ability of each Detective and the work to be entrusted to him according to each man's capabilities therefor? The "Special Officer" is the one to act as he has the whole Provincial Detective force under his direct control, supervision and orders. It is not a local district staff at all. There ought not to be any conflict of opinion on such a simple matter or Government work will suffer. This is not an imaginary case, but one in point and is now pending disposal. What is the course now adopted? My men are removed from their posts and changes made behind my back. These changes are not even intimated to me, but I am left to learn the same from my subordinates. The common courtesy which is the right ef every officer in the Public Service is denied to the "Special Officer" selected by Government, to have "special direct charge of the Detective Branch." Orders to my subordinates should in such cases issue through me. The Deputy Commissioner has been forbidden to do so, direct, except *in urgent cases* (*vide* extract appended to note *(b)* para. 10 of this letter).

Contraband Trade. *(c)*.—I have good grounds for asserting that contraband liquor is imported and sold in the Kadur District in certain localities.* I have asked for the services of one of the best Detectives to be exclusively devoted to this work. It so happens that the identical fellow whom neither of the two Deputy Commissioners will have, I need for special work, viz. to employ in the contraband liquor trade, and I cannot get him. I have solicited that the pay of one of the two Temporary Detectives and his staff Rs.96, (*vide* para 9, clause *(b)* above alluded to), be placed at my disposal to enable me to employ private detectives. I do not wish to exceed the limit of expenditure assigned by Government. The plan has economy to recommend it. Nay more, I can eventually raise a band of trustworthy servants and send them to find out what is going on in other parts of the District and other Taluqs of the Province and regulate movements of the Regular Staff to co-operate with them. These men though in my private pay (Government funds) will, as servants of the Estate, or members of the same tribe or Thanda have free ingress and egress, which my officers are debarred from, as strangers, from enjoying, and thus giving me the clues I need (see margin of para 9 clause *a)*, and the aid I require in particular to do my work in suppressing the contraband trade in liquors and drugs, efficiently and successfully. The places lie on private property. The liquor is imported at particular times. The difficult and delicate nature of the work is self-evident. I cannot take up these cases by showing my cards. The subordinate Revenue and Police officers are interested in this matter as they have relatives and friends in the District and Taluq Offices, and on other grounds it would not be prudent to let them or any one know anything about this subject, except the very few actually engaged in it. It is of primary importance therefore that I must act with the greatest caution, prudence and secrecy; and must select my own

* Note A.—Since writing the above, two such cases have been run in and convicted. One was a Native Coffee Planter named Coelho and the other a Land holder named Byrai Gowdah. Government had to pay Rs. 40 and Rs. 41 for each of these cases to informers while the Taluq Magistrate of Mudigere fined the one only Rs. 10 and the other Rs. 25. Both are men of means. If failure ensued Government would have had to pay compensation. The evidence needed to secure conviction of the shop-keepers in Her Majesty's Territory, I was precluded from getting; as well as, to protect Government against damages by employing a competent detective of experience, specially for this work, on one side and with a private detective agency on the estates, on the other, without entailing extra cost to Government, as Mr. Ricketts negatived my proposals.

material. The Excise Commissioner is opposed to my proposals and will not allow me a free hand to act in this matter. (*Vide* Appendix No. VII.)

*10. The orders now passed which are in conflict with those previously quoted in this letter by the Excise Commissioner are quoted below:—

> POWERS OF THE SPECIAL ASSISTANT EXCISE COMMISSIONER.—*(a)* "The Excise Conmissioner himself would not think of working except in *full concert* and *cordial co-operation* of the Deputy Commissioners; and the special Excise Assistant Commissioner is hereby instructed to *act likewise.* All Deputy Commissioners know what secret detective measures mean, *and they must be fully apprized of all that is going on.* It may be possible that the urgency of any particular case, may require immediate action. But the special Excise Assistant Commissioner would be *wanting in courtesy and subordination* to Deputy Commissioners if he did not take an early opportunity of apprizing the the Deputy Commissioners, *of what he had done.* In fact *this is the course to be pursued by Mr. McDonnell.*" (*vide* Memo. No. 5352-837, dated 7-8th April 1893.)

NOTE BY THE SPECIAL ASSISTANT EXCISE COMMISSIONER ON THE ABOVE ORDER *(a)*.

The above order thus virtually deprives the Special Assistant Excise Commissioner of the *special direct charge* of the Detective Branch, and makes him again *a subordinate* of the Deputy Commissioner instead of "*under the Excise Commissioner*" himself. (*vide* para. 4, above). The Village Police and Revenue Village authorities are interested. The class of men engaged in the contraband trade for instance, are also those employed in the Taluk and District Offices, and have relatives and friends at the suspected places. A hint is enough. Detection is impossible if I am to act as indicated here. The Excise Commissioner forgets that I am a "Special Officer" and not an ordinary Assistant Commissioner attached to the District Staff. I am to be granted any advice or aid I need from Deputy Commissioners and Taluk Officers, but I must be left to *act on my own responsibility and judgment.* If you interfere with a "Special Detective Officer" to whom you entrust a case and with the material he employs how do you hope to succeed? Throw the "Special Officer" over, and let the Deputy Commissioners direct the work themselves through the Assistant Commissioners entrusted with "Excise Administration of the Districts," or their Police Assistants. In that case there would be no use of a "Special" Officer. I may here add, that the sphere of selection of men for the Detective Line being limited to men from the General Branch that field has been worked out pro tem, and with the Deputy Commissioners' approval, I have been drawing on the Police and Revenue Branches. I have thus been working in this important point, in accord with Deputy Commissioners up to this time.*

> AS REGARDS THE DETECTIVE STAFF.—*(b)* "As regards *subordination of the members of the Detective Staff to the Deputy Commissioners,* the Excise Commissioner has only to observe that if they are *not implicitly obedient* and *attentive* to the *orders and wishes of the Deputy Commissioner,* they will at once meet with suitable punishment. (*vide* Order No. 5312-837, dated 7-8th April 1893).

NOTE BY THE SPECIAL ASSISTANT EXCISE COMMISSIONER, ON THE ABOVE ORDER. *(b)*.

This order thus virtually cancels the Excise Commissioner's orders, issued in conformity with the wishes of Government, *vide* para. 7, above, and ran thus to my subordinates:

"All the Detectives will be under the direct control, supervision and orders of Mr. McDonnell."

Mr. Rickett's order, see para. 10 *(b)* above, is also opposed to the Orders of Government, dated 14th August 1890, para. 4, which runs thus:—

"The Deputy Commissioner may give orders in urgent cases to the Inspecting Staff the office copy of such orders, being sent to the Excise Commissioner for information." By an oversight the word "Assistant" was omitted in that order. I issued all orders to the Executive Staff. The Deputy Commissioner could simply "call for, confirm, modify or annul them." It is an act of common courtesy and in accordance with the ordinary rules of official etiquette that *copies of such orders sent direct* should be intimated to the Officer directly in charge of the work or staff in question, and I beg this may be kindly directed to be observed in my case also.

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* Please note the words emphasized by me in the extracts from the Excise Commissioner's orders (*a* and *b*) given in this para. (10).

* NOTE B.—Mr. Ricketts *told me he would give me my own men* to work the Detective Branch. He then ordered me not to make any appointments without first consulting the Deputy Commissioners. He has since ordered Deputy Commissioners even not to do so without his sanction (vide Docket No. 474-75—30 dated 8th August 1893.) Mr. Ricketts is not only continually changing his mind but also overrides the orders of Government. This is another case in point. When men fall sick or go on leave substitutes must be appointed at once or Government work will suffer. Mr. Ricketts forgets that men of detective ability, aptitude for the work, physically fit to cope with hardships of the climate and with the will to go to the Mahad are restricted, and on the *Officer in special direct charge,* held answerable for the work, such selection naturally devolves.

EMPLOYMENT of INFORMERS.—(c) "One of his peons or the Assistant Tester (Excise Officer) must go about in undress or disguise and trace out the scenes of such crime. It is not creditable to the Detective staff that no cases of illicit distillation have been detected, without money being spent. (Vide last para. of Mr. Ricketts' Docket No. 1398-208, dated 9th September 1892, to the Special Assistant Excise Commissioner). "In rare instances, informers and the like may be paid out of Secret Service funds; but beyond merely tolerating their services they are not to be further countenanced." "(Vide Memo. No. 5352-837, dated 7-8th April 1893 from the Excise Commissioner to the Special Assistant Commissioner).

NOTE BY THE SPECIAL ASSISTANT EXCISE COMMISSIONER ON THE ABOVE ORDER (c)

The above orders (c) strike at the very root of the system adopted by me and so successfully carried out for the past six years and more (vide results recorded in para 9, clause (a) above). I have conclusively shown that where private rights are involved no action can be taken except through the aid of paid informers and Government have assigned me funds for this purpose. These miscreants must be countenanced and supported "as a means to an end," "or not a single case will be detected otherwise. It would be suicidal to my work to turn informers adrift when I am done with them. I must just do the reverse or my work will be paralyzed. The Deputy Commissioners of Shimoga, Kadur and Hassan have been asked officially to recommend the entertainment of a Private Detective Agency to be kept on permanently. This can be done by dispensing with some of the Detective Assistant Supervisors, who have proved failures in the detective line; and their staff, and utilizing the money so saved in engaging recruits among the Lambanies &c. as "*Private Detectives.*" I could then delegate the latter for work eventually in other Districts. As they are constantly on the move this can be readily done. In the detection of contraband trade cases a different class of men will be needed. They will have to be better paid. I can do away for the present with four Assistant Supervisors who have turned out quite useless to the detective force and utilize the money Rs. 96 multiplied 4 = 384 monthly or Rs. 4,608 yearly, in engaging the required *private agency* I need for both classes of crimes. Instead of one detective being engaged in one case each of the remaining 6 Detective Assistant Supervisors will thus have several private paid detectives engaged on several cases, and, they again, with the aid of their confreres (to be paid out of secret service funds) will watch other cases in the same group of Tandas attached to each *Private Detective* but too far off from that *Private Detective's* tanda. A note on this point, on the lines I have addressed the Deputy Commissioners of Kadur, Shimoga and Hassan is appended marked No. VIII for further particulars. A sketch of the Shimoga Taluq with tandas, shops and cases detected duly inserted is also appended. As these powers and the duties I have now been performing were exercised and performed by me from the outset, I respectfully submit, Mr. Ricketts should have first obtained the sanction of Government ere he passed orders changing them. Vide extract of Government Order No. 5416,25—Cir. 113, dated 14th August 1890, para 5, which runs thus:—"but before actually withdrawing from him any work or powers now done or exercised by him, they are requested to obtain the orders of Government through the Excise Commissioner." See also para. 1 of the said order in which the late Excise Commissioner had to *withdraw* the orders he issued curtailing my powers and duties.

PRIVATE DETECTIVE STAFF AND EMPLOYMENT OF A DETECTIVE SPECIALLY TO DETECT CONTRABAND TRADERS.—(*d*). Not approved by the Excise Commissioner. See Appendix No. VII.

NOTE BY THE SPECIAL ASSISTANT EXCISE COMMISSIONER ON THE ABOVE ORDER (*d.*)

I have had this matter under consideration for the past 6 or 7 years, but have been balked. Now that Government, have given me *the special direct charge of the force*, I had hopes of acting with effect, and took a tour through the affected parts to gain information on this head. I have succeeded in getting information which has more than confirmed that obtained before. I have the names of the places, the mode of conveyance adopted and the routes taken. Private rights are involved. I have consulted my most experienced detectives. I have asked for aid to act and have been stumped. (See Note (c) above regarding PRIVATE DETECTIVES). I leave it to Government to decide if in its own interests the Excise Revenue is to be sacrificed with impunity and *no really practical effort made* to stop this contraband trade going on, not only in the Kadur District, but elsewhere? See Note A at foot of page 5.

REDUCTION OF THE PRICE OF LIQUOR.—11. I have met several Coffee Planters, and they and the Deputy Commissioners of the Kadur and Shimoga Districts are unanimous in the opinion that neither the illict distillation, nor the import of contraband liquor can possibly be put down, unless

NOTE C.—I would by way of contrast to Mr. Ricketts very exceptional views above alluded to quote below what are the opinions of the Superintendent of Coorg and the Resident, Colonel Henderson; as well as those of the Madras Government in the matter of entertaining, paying, and encouraging persons giving information, from which it will be clearly seen that in all I have done I have but followed those competent to give good advice in a matter of such vital importance to the interests of the Mysore State.

Extract from the Report of the Superintendent of Coorg No. 143—84 dated 31st May 1893, para 7 and the Resident's reply No. 1045/96—93 dated 17th July 1893 para 3.

Para 7.—"The falling off in prosecutions under section 35 of the Act is scarcely satisfactory as there is no doubt that in this, as in every highland country, illicit distilling is carried on in glens to a very great extent. *It is also to be regretted that the rewards to informers should have fallen from Rs.* 144 *to Rs.* 10, AS WITHOUT LOCAL INFORMATION *as to smuggling being carried on by the hope* OF LARGE REWARDS *we cannot expect* that men will incur *the disgrace and even risk they run* by informing on their neighbours."

"Para 3.— * * * * * * *

"The Chief Commissioner trusts, that every effort will be made to detect illicit distillation "and that next year's report will show an improvement in this respect. BETTER INDUCE-"MENTS MIGHT BE HELD OUT TO INFORMERS."

Extracts from Madras Government Circular No. I of 1891.

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(1). In *any case* in which a penalty or confiscation has been adjudged by competent authority.....the undermentioned Officers of the Abkari Department may grant, in such proportion as they may think fit, to any person or persons who may have contributed to the conviction of the offender, or to the seizure of the property so confiscated a reward not exceeding the proceeds of the..... liquor confiscated, *plus* the amount for which any other article confiscated in the same case may sell, *plus* the amount of any fine imposed thereon.

Board of Revenue	Rs. 500
Dy. Commissioner of Abkari Revenue,	„ 100
Assist. Do. Do.	„ 25

(2) *In any case* in which any person or persons may have been convicted of any offence against the.....Abkari Revenue, but in which no penalty or confiscation may have been imposed or realized, or in which any person has performed any service of special merit in respect of the prevention or detection of any act..... or of any offence against the.....or Abkari Laws, rewards may be granted as follows:—

Board of Revenue,	Rs. 200
Dy. Commissioner of Abkari Revenue,	„ 25
Assist. Do Do	„ 10

Discretionary powers are granted to incur expenditure not exceeding Rupees 100 "*in each case* for the employment of informers, or for any other purpose connected with "the prevention or detection of.....any offence against the laws relating to ".....or Abkari Revenue." Please note the words emphasized by me in the foregoing "extracts. It will be clearly seen that informers must be *encouraged* and *well paid*, and paid "*promptly* as informers are not likely to come forward and assist the Department unless "they feel certain that their services will be *forthwith remunerated.*" They must be liberally treated. They must be employed "*in any* case" and not only in "rare, or special, or exceptional" or "border cases" as enjoined by Mr. Ricketts and the Dy. Commissioner of Shimoga. While one detective may be working on one case for months and fail in the end as the Nomadic tribes in the Mysore Province live isolated and are very suspicious of strangers and destroy the evidence immediately a move is made to run them in, by employing a score of well trained and competent men of these classes each detective is able to work a score of cases. Failure has been rare while conviction has inevitably followed as our detectives have run in the majority of cases red-handed. Let Government decide who is right the Excise Commissioner of Mysore, or the Special Assistant Commissioner who has been placed by Government *in special direct charge of the detective branch* with a special injunction from Government that "the work "and powers which were done or exercised by him are not *actually to be withdrawn* "without obtaining the orders of Government." Yet this is what has been done by Mr. Ricketts. I have asked, and Government have given me Secret Service money to spend on informers and to pay as rewards but Government has suffered as I have been *unduly hampered and restricted on every side in doing my duty in the special way I was elected to do it by Government when it appointed me as a* "SPECIAL OFFICER."

office and the advantage of the enemies of Government. Vide Docket No. 5,843-931 dated 6-10th May 1893 from the Excise Commissioner see margin *. From what I have said above and the secret and private character of my work in which the informers and others employed by me are risking their lives and health to serve Government interests, it would not be prudent or desirable to expose my work and those of my subordinates in a Diary. It would be a breach of faith. I will embody my general work and its results in the form of an inspection report as I have done heretofore. Should I need the advice or orders of the Excise Commissioner or the Deputy Commissioners, I shall put up a confidential "note" or "memo". I shall do so always when I have personal interviews with them except in very urgent cases. It will save time and obivate remarks of a very unpleasant character being made and thus disturb the harmony which should always exist between myself and the Officers placed above me by Government, whose aid or advice I seek in the interests of Government. I beg early orders being passed in this matter as my travelling allowance Bills have been with-held, from March, last to date, and I am put to great straits for want of means to do my work; and solicit that I may be permitted to send in the usual inspection reports and exempted from sending Diaries as my subordinates do. I have sent in reports to the Excise Commissioner of work performed by me, but he has returned them to be sent in the form adopted by Police Assistant Commissioners. That form is inapplicable to this Department. While the Police have to *trace a case* and *get up evidence occasionally*, and record what they do at each stage I have hundreds of cases staring me in the face and need funds, to pay informers to glean the 7 items of *existing evidence*, vide para 9, (a) so as to run in the culprits red-handed. My subordinates have 56 cases in hand. My Detectives act and to interfere with, and give them orders and directions and record the same in Diaries would defeat the object aimed at *as reticence not publicity is the golden rule of the detective*. They have no power like the Police to arrest, &c., on suspicion. They can only act on written complaint, or *prima facie* grounds being adduced. On the other hand I am exercising the powers of a Deputy Commissioner of Excise and am no more expected to send in Diaries than any Deputy Commissioner of the District exercising Excise Powers of a Deputy Commissioner of Excise. If my rank as Deputy Commissioner of Excise, Detective Branch, be duly notified, I could then be of real help to my staff. I could time my visits, perhaps, frequently so as to be present on the spot at preliminary enquiries of cases likely to be taken up and issue warrants in this behalf. Such cases will then be brought before me again when run in and duly enquired into, and then referred to the Magistrate for disposal according to law. I will thus be in a position legally to direct and control at least a certain per centage of the cases taken up by my subordinates. This is all I can do personally. I could do more when a *Private Detective Agency* is given me. I intended to have gone round and to see the informers, my poor detectives were paying out of their slender incomes, and also intended to have advanced funds after enquiry of the 56 in hand, but the Excise Commissioner's orders afore quoted have cut the ground from under my feet.

* In reply informs that the Batta "Bills cannot be checked and counter-"signed in the absence of the Special "Assistant Commissioners Diaries "which have not yet been received."

12. As Special Assistant Commissioner, with the powers of a Deputy Commissioner of Excise, I solicit that I may be authorised to appoint my own Ministerial Officers; and those on the Detective Executive Staff up to Rs. 40 as in the case of other Deputy Commissioners of Excise in this Province.

Powers of appointing Executive and Ministerial Officers.

13. The privilege of taking home, reading up and disposing of such files required, I solicit may be permitted to me, in common with others of my rank, and position in the public service, and in conformity with the course adopted even by Ministerial Officers in general, and that of the Excise Sheristadar in particular, but which *I have been debarred from doing* by the Excise Commissioner.

Access to Files.

14. That all the Orders of Government and rules of the Department may be officially communicated to me as is done in the case of other Officers similarly situated as I am—especially where I and my work are concerned.

Orders of Government rules &c., communication of.

15. That considering the lamentable state of my health and the painful malady I am still so everely suffering from, that the two rooms in the Excise Commissioners Office I need may be placed at my disposal to take my seat in and use as a lavatory when at Head Quarters, which can be readily granted to me and which I am now debarred the use of.

Rooms in Office.

NOTE D.—This is the course adopted in the Madras Presidency vide extract from Circular No. I of 1891.

"After each Inspection whether of a whole circle, or particular portions of it, "the Assistant Commissioner will write an ordinary Official letter to..... "commencing—I have the honor to report that I have just inspected the.....and "that the following matters seem worthy of your notice—and will detail as succinctly "as possible the points on which he thinks the..... should be informed."

The above is exactly in accord with what the Mysore Government have enjoined (vide margin) on me to do and as I have been doing from the out-set. Such reports are considered confidential in Madras. Only Inspectors and Petty Officers send in Diaries to the Range Officers or to the Assistant Commissioner. This is done to save correspondents with them and secure prompt disposal of work performed.

Para 4 * * * *
"He (Mr. McDonnell) should receive Diaries "of the Inspecting Staff and submit them with "his remarks to the Excise Commissioner" * *
Para 5 * * * *
"There is, however, no objection to their call-"ing upon him to send them such reports and "periodical statements as they may think fit for "a proper exercise of control." (vide order No. 5416-25—Cir. 113 dated 14th August 1890.)

SECTION S. 92.

FILE No. 46-93-4

SER'AL No. 24

See for the original page 1??.

Progs of the Govt of Mysore

Read the L.No 197 Dt 9th Sept

Ordere thereon No A. Dt 9. Sept 93.

The Govt have not yet received any report from the Excise Commr. This letter with its enclosures will therefore be forwarded to him for an immediate report.

By ordere

(Sd). T. Ananda Rao

Chief Secy

9. 9. 93.

To, The Excise Commr

Copy to Special Asst

Excise Commr

Urgent

(General Serial No. 30.)

OFFICE OF THE DEWAN OF MYS
1893 8577
12 SEP 93
G 1336

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From

The Excise Commissioner in Mysore

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Rec'd Dispatches from Mr Nicholls' memorandum & accompaniments were not received yesterday. Sent 12 Sept

SECTION SR

To

FILE No. 46-93-84

SER'AL No. 24

The Chief Secretary to the Dewan of Mysore.

Dated 11th September 1893

Despatched 12

Received

Enclosures No (one file)

General No. 958

No. 120

In reply to the Government Letter No. A. dated 9th Sept/93

Proceedings

SUBJECT.

Reports on the letters of appeal to Government from the Special Excise Assistant Commissioner.

G. Reed 5 P.M. 12/9

References (to be entered only in the Dewan's Office).

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No 958 (one file)
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Excise Commissioner's Office
Bangalore, dated 11th September 93.
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(4)

From

The Excise Commissioner
in Mysore

To

The Chief Secretary to the
Dewan of Mysore

Sir

In returning the file of papers which accompanied Government Proceedings No A, dated 9th September 1893, I have the honor to refer you to my letter No 913 dated 7th idem, reporting fully on the insubordinate and obstructive conduct of the Special assistant Commissioner and the action forced on me in consequence.

2. If further proof of gross insubordination

insubordination and outrageous style of writing were required, I beg to refer you to paras 3 & 4 of the Special assistant Commissioner's letter to my address, No. 196, dated the 9th instant, and which is on the file above referred to.

3. I have but one remark to offer on the following extract from para 6 of the Special assistant Commissioner's letter of appeal to your address, No. A, dated 9th instant:— "I may here state that since 24th September 1891, I have not had charge of the "Distillery and the Head quarters "charge (city & Station)". As regards the Distillery, I am controlling it personally, and the Special assistant Commissioner was relieved of the work connected with it. Concerning the Head Quarters Charge, I

was

was not aware, till recently,
that the Special assistant Commissioner
was not doing the inspection of
the Shops and depots in the City
and Station of Bangalore. The
Special assistant Commissioner
was at times at the Head Quarters
when he could have done such
inspection; but non-Submission
of his diaries kept me in ignorance
of his omission in this respect.
My predecessor in office, in reference
to this particular work, called
upon the Special assistant Commissioner
more than once to Submit his
diaries, but to no purpose.

4. In conclusion I may observe
that I apprehend no difficulty
in suppressing illicit distillation
and Smuggling of Contraband
liquor. That they prevail to the
alarming extent, as depicted by
the Special assistant Commissioner,
is, in my opinion, unfounded.

By

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By placing licit liquor within reasonable reach of the Lambanees and other drinking classes in the Malnad, the above mal-practices will doubtless gradually disappear, as especially the matter is now engaging the best attention of the Deputy Commissioners Concerned, who are heartily Cooperating with me on the Subject.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant

L Ricketts

Excise Commissioner

in Mysore

220 168 Dept
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SECTION S.R. From
FILE No. 46-93-4
SER'AL No. 5 To

The Special Assistant
Excise Commissioner (5)

The Chief Secretary
to the Government of Mysore

Dated 12th September

No. 198

Sir!—

In continuation of my letter No. 197 dated 9th September 1893, I have the honor to report that Mr. Ricketts has sent orders to Deputy Commissioners, directing the Detective staff not to send their Diaries &c. to me, but to him hereafter; and, an order direct (Copy enclosed) and not through me, to the Clerk, doing duty in my Office, to resume his duties in the Excise Commissioners Office. I beg respectfully to be pardoned for humbly laying the following facts before Government.

2. I beg to refer to the Proceedings and order of Government No. 5416-25 dated 14th August 1890, in which it has been expressly enjoined in Para 5 Exc: 113

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in my case, that before actually withdrawing from me any work or ——— powers now done or exercised by me they (Deputy Commissioners) are requested to obtain the orders of Government through the Excise Commissioner." It will thus be clearly seen, that Mr. Ricketts has not the power himself to interfere with my "work or powers" without reference to Government, much less to wholly deprive me of both, as he has done, in his order No. 925/254 of the 9th Instant; and alluded to in Para one above.—

3. Under the Excise Act Section 24, no matter what the "designation" may be any person so appointed is only an "Excise Officer"

4. Government have restricted Deputy Commissioners, making appointments under the Excise Act upto Rs 40/; and the "Excise Commissioner", over that Sum in Subordinate Grades of the Excise Department.

5. The appointment of "Commissioner of Excise Revenue" was eliminated from Section 54 of the Excise Act by the Local Government at the time of its introduction into this Province, and the Government reserved to itself the prerogatives and functions of that Office.

6. Under the foregoing circumstances Mr. Ricketts is virtually by ~~one~~ clothed with the powers of "Excise Officer" drawing over Rs 10/ under para 3 above, and of making appointments in the Subordinate Grades over Rupees 50/. vide para 4.

7. I have been appointed by Government, to my present post, under Notification No. 164 Dated

dated 15th December 1887. I have also been invested with the powers of a Deputy Commissioner of Excise. Vide para 1 of Govt. of 14th August 1890 already cited.

8. Mr. Ricketts order No. 825/254 dated 8th September 1893, suspending me from all work, in the Excise Department, (Vide Para 2), and his subsequent action against me alluded to in para one of this letter, are therefore in direct violation of the explicit orders of Government quoted in para two of this letter

9. Mr. Ricketts orders above alluded to in Para 8, against me, are moreover an illegal assumption of the prerogatives and powers of the Local Government, from whom emanate appointments, censures, and suspensions passed against Officers on its "Graded List"

10. The matter having been reported to Government, by Mr. Ricketts, was subsequent and Mr. Ricketts illegal action, is therefore a flagrant act of contempt against the dignity, and prerogative of Government, in taking upon himself to decide a matter against an Officer on the "Graded List", which he had no power to do before, and still less so after it had left his hands and was before Government.

11. Under the foregoing circumstances I respectfully and humbly entreat, that Government will be pleased to assert its authority and direct Mr. Ricketts to withdraw his order against me, No. 925/254 of the 8th September 1893, pending being heard in my defence, and the passing orders in my case by Government, as I am an Officer on the "Graded List"

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12 Pending also the aforesaid orders being passed by Government, I most humbly solicit that I may be permitted to continue to carry out the Special orders of Government, contained in para 14 of the Proceedings of Government No 1019-29 dated 12th April 1892; and also allowed to make the necessary inspections and send the usual reports of Arrack and Opium Depots and Retail Arrack Shops visited in each District by journey to each District as heretofore. To enable me to do so, I enclose my Travelling Allowance Bills, which have been illegally detained by Mr Ricketts, without the orders of Government, may be ordered to be sent to the Comptroller for audit, and that the Establishment as per margin ⊗ affording a cost of Rs 136 monthly, given to me to carry on my work, as I have no hands attached to me now. I Stand in the same position now, as Sub Division Officers, and I have, as far as possible, and the necessity for my work requires, fixed the Scale of Estabt: as low as possible. It is of primary importance that I should be allowed to Select appoint, and dispense with ministerial Officers and menial Servants attached to my Staff.

Sub Division Office Establishment	Special Excise Establishment	
	Present	Proposed ⊗
Sheristadar Rs 50	"	"
Head munshee 35	"	35
Deputy munshee 30	"	30
Anglo Vernacular Clerk 25	"	25
1 Duffadar — 8	"	8
2 Peons at Rs 7/— 14	14	14
2 peons at Rs 6/— 12	12	12
1 Lascar — 7	7	7
1 Mosalchee 5	"	5
Total Rs 186	33/	136

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most Obedient Servant
[signature]
Special Assistant
Excise Commissioner

No 957
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Excise Commissioner's Office

Bangalore, 9th September 1893

Official Memorandum

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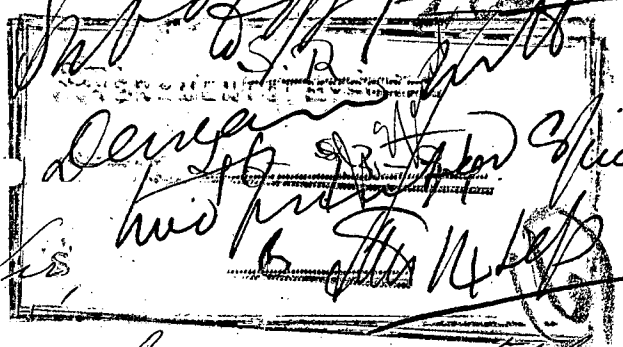
Deputy Moonshee Sadasivaiah, of this Office, who is now working under Mr. MacDonnell, Special Excise Assistant Commissioner, in place of the Detective Clerk, is directed to rejoin his duties in this Office. —

(Signed) L. Ricketts
Excise Commissioner
in Mysore

"Copy"

~~G. W. Spence~~

Special Assistant
Excise Commissioner



Dear Sir,

I send you 5 copies of my printed notes promised in my letter to you No 1978 the 4th Instant setting forth the special services I have rendered to the Navy, which with my letter of the 12th Inst. No. 198 to your address I respectfully entreat you will kindly submit with your favorable support to the Duke, at an early date, and

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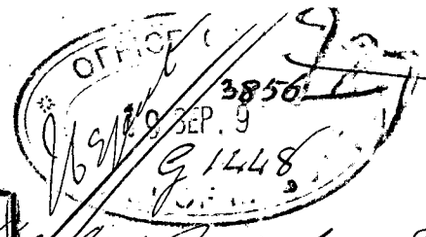

SECTION 5.12

FILE No. 46-93-94

SERIAL No. 7

From the Sec. Agt. Guise Jour. in Assyrie

The Chief Secretary to the Government of Assyrie

No. C. –

Dated 18th September 1893

Sir,

Adverting to my letter No. 1968 G. Instant submitted to Government with my letter No. 197 G. 9th Inst., I have the honor to enclose copy of my letter No. 13, of this day's date, to Mr. Ricketts, & solicit you will kindly move the Durbar to permit me to withdraw the extract as per margin*

"as Mr. Ricketts has failed to render me the reparation due by one gentleman to another" –

} from the last para of my letter to Govt. No. 197 G. Instant. –

I have the honor to be

Sir,

Your most obed. Servant

[signature]

Sec. Agt. Guise Jour. in Assyrie

Sealed & Delivered
19/9 1893

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From, The Lt. Asst. Resident
Enclosure In Despatch
No. of 1893
The Resident
In Negri

No. B.-
Dated 18th September 1893.-

Sir,

As I find that official etiquette did not justify my writing para 4 in my official communication to you No. 1968 9th September 1893, I have the honor to solicit your wise permission to withdraw the same, and accept my regrets for making the subject matter a personal one.-

I have &c.

(Sd.) [illegible]
The Asst. Resident
" In Negri

"Copy"

[illegible]
Lt. Asst. Resident
In Negri.

(General Serial No. 30.)

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From

The Excise Commissioner in Mysore

To

The Chief Secretary to the Dewan of Mysore.

(9)

Dated 23rd

Despatched 25th September 1893

Received

Enclosures No. one

General No. 1108

No. 133

~~In reply to~~ In continuation of this office letter No. 958 dated 11th instant

SUBJECT.

Forwards with certain observations, copy of letter B, dated 18th idem, received from the Special Excise Assistant Commissioner

Subd. to Chief Secy.

~~Read~~ & Mem in Dewan in cyphr in Mem papers 26/9.

References (to be entered only in the Dewan's Office).

No. 1108 (Encl) / 133

Excise Commissioner's Office
Bangalore, 23rd September 1893

From

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The Excise Commissioner
in Mysore

To

The Chief Secretary to the Dewan
of Mysore

Sir

In continuation of my letter No. 958/120, dated 11th instant, I have the honor to forward herewith copy of letter No. B, dated 18th idem, recently received by me from the Special Excise Assistant Commissioner, and to observe with reference thereto that para 3 of the letter is alluded to by him, is, if anything, even more objectionable than para 4 which he now asks to withdraw.

Further

X Ellis 357 / Y 1336
Subdchiefsec
onr 4-93
[illegible]
2-6-4.

Further, copy of his letter which
23.1.74
contains the para 4 in question,
has been forwarded by the Special
Excise Assistant Commissioner
himself with his letter of appeal
to Government.

I have the honor to be

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant

J Mr Keith

Excise Commissioner

Ghd in Umpire

No. B

Urgent

Dated 18th September 1893.

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From

The Special Assistant Excise
Commissioner, in Impore

To Enclosure to 218

The Excise Commissioner,
in Impore.

Sir,

As I find that official etiquette did not justify my writing para 4 in my official communication to you No. 196, dated 9th September 1893, I have the honor to solicit you will permit me to withdraw the same and accept my regrets for making the subject matter a personal

one.

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I have &c.

(Signed) J. G. McDonnell

Special Assistant Excise
Commissioner, in Mysore.

"Copy"

Sketty

Excise Commissioner
Encl in Mysore

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Pro: of the Govt: of H.H
the Maharaja of Mysore

GOVERNMENT OF MYSORE
SECTION S.R.
FILE No. 46-93-S.R.
SERIAL No. 9 (1)

Read:-

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Letter nº 913/117 dated 7th September 1893 from the Excise Commissioner in Mysore, submitting papers relating to the conduct of Mr. McDonnell, Special Excise Assistant Commissioner, and suggesting that he be ~~dismissed~~ removed from the Public Service

(2) Letter nº A, dated 9th September 1893, from the Special Excise Asst. Commissioner, appealing against the order of the

Excise Commissioner,
directing him to
abstain from work
pending the order of
Government.

(3) Letter no. 958/1201
11th September 1893 from
the Excise Commissioner
reporting on the Special
Excise Asst. Commissioner's appeal.

(4) Letter no. 198 of 12th
September 1893 from
Special Excise Asst.
Commissioner.

(5) Letter no. C of 18th Sept.
1893, from the same Asst.
forwarding copy of a
letter addressed by him
to the Excise Commissioner
on the same date
requesting

requesting permission
to withdraw para 4
of his letter of the 9th Sep-
tember to the Excise
Commissioner

order thereon No. 6263-4
G.1420

Dated 29-9-93
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In the first of
the letters read above
the Excise Commissioner
complains of the Conduct
of the Special Excise
Assistant Commissioner
The principal acts of
misconduct and in-
-subordination im-
-puted to Mr McDonnell
are the following
(1) Wilfully abstaining
from

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from submitting
diaries as required by
the Excise Commission-
-er and in lieu there-
-of sending uncalled
for reports.

(2) Writing a memo-
-randum to the Sher-
-ristadar of the Excise
Commissioner's Office,
containing improper
comment on the action
of the Excise Commis-
-sioner and failing
to withdraw it.

(3) Writing officially
to a Deputy Commis-
-sioner desiring him
to protest against an
appointment

appointment made

GOVERNMENT OF MYSORE

by the Excise Commis-

sioner

(4) When directed to pro-

ceed to Shimoga on

detection duty arguing

as an excuse for not

complying with the

order that he appre-

hended bodily risks

at the hands of Lamba-

nees

(5.) Supporting a peti-

tion from the Detective

Assistant Supervisors

protesting against the

Excise Commissioners

order against the em-

ployment of informers.

(6) Refusing to leave

Head

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Head Quarters on duty

on the ground that

his batta bills had not

been passed by the

Excise Commissioner

and that he was in

pecuniary embarass-

-ment

2 The Excise Com-

-missioner adds "Mr.

McDonnell has thus

virtually struck work

He is impracticable

His gross insubordi-

-nation and defiance

of orders set a very

bad example to Subor-

-dinates and the public

service generally. His

services

services were not
wanted in the Central
Office, and hence he
was deputed to out-
side detective work,
where he has been
positively obstructive
In these circumstances
he has been directed
to abstain from any
further work and
await the orders
Government on this
communication
The physical infir-
mities to which he
appears to be a con-
stant victim, added
to his incurable deaf-
ness would appear

constitute valid grounds for his retire-
-ment from the Public Service".

3. Mr McDonnell will be called upon to submit his explan-
-nation on the several points animadverted upon by the Excise Commissioner, and
pending the submis-
-sion of his explana-
-tion the Govern-
-ment will defer
passing orders on
this reference

4. The Government are of opinion that the circumstances
reported

reported are not such as
justified the extreme
step taken by the Excise
Commissioner of directing
Mr. McDonnell to
abstain from all work,
which virtually
amounted to an order
of suspension, and
the Government there-
fore direct the Cancel
-lation of that order.

5. As, however, Mr.
McDonnell's continu
ance in the Excise
Department is no
longer desirable
owing to the dis-
agreement between
himself and the
Excise Commissioner,
he

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he is directed to
report himself at once
to the Chief Secretary
and do such work
as may be assigned
to him by that Officer
until further orders.

Chief Secy. 2/9/93

To
The Excise Commissioner
in Mysore
Mr. J. G. McDonnell

Note
At the desire of the Chf Secy. I have written to Mr McDonnell informing him that the Govt Expects his explanation in a week. MRK 5/10/93

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(General Serial No. 30.)

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OFFICE OF THE CAMP
RECD. NO. 59
1893
CAMP Mysore
DATE 6/10/93
RESIDENT IN MYSORE

From Mr. H. G. Le Dorpe
Special Asst. to Resident
Doing Duty Dewan's Office
7457

To The Chief Secretary to the Government of H.H. the Maha-

for the Dewan's orders
Sd/-
31/10/93

Dated 8th & 4th October 1893

SECTION S.P. Despatched
FILE NO. 46-93-9 Received
SERIAL NO. 10

Enclosures No. 5
2 Spare copies
2 printed. and appended.
1 Map -
2 Service Rolls with [illegible]

General No. 213 - -
No.

2 Spare copies

Submits explanation on the several charges brought by the Excise Commissioner against him, as set forth in the Proceedings and Order of Government No. 6263-4 Genl. 1420 dated 27th & 28th inst. -

W Underdown

1 Recd in Camp 6/10
2 Wrote 8/10 & 11/10
the Dewan's office 12/10

Sir
(1). Submitted.
(2) Pay up with file R.F. 117-92 and submitted to Chief Secretary on 15. 9. 93.
BD 26/10

Manager. (1) Refer early together with file (2) connected with Prio: & Mg. August 1890.
30/10
16/10.

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Say this letter B.M.R.
and say it is in reply
to explns called for
from him on
ask him, if after
reading the explanation
he wishes to modify
to any extent his
previous report on
the subject.

L. 22.6.94

Mr
Boyle
Th
23/6

Drafted
sent
23/6/94

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(13)

To,

The Excise Commissioner
in Mysore

No 23386
R2497

Dt. 28 June 1894.
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From

Sir,

In forwarding herewith in original a printed letter No. 213 dated 8th October 1893 from Mr J. G. Mc Donnell, Special Assistant Excise Commr, being a reply to Explanation called for from him in Govt Progs: No 6263-4 / G. 1420 of 29th Sept. last, I am directed to enquire whether, after reading the said Explanation, you wish to modify to any extent, your previous report on the subject.

I have &c.

Chief Secy

SECTION S. 72
FILE NO. 46-93-94
SERIAL NO. 11

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Gen. Serial No. 30.]

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From

The Excise Commissioner in Mysore

To

The Chief Secretary to the Dewan of Mysore.

Submitted for orders

SECTION S. R.

FILE NO. 46-93-94

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Vide note page 12

14/8/94 S. R.

17/8 Submitted Dewan

Dated 26th July 1894.

Despatched 27th

Received

Enclosures No. (1 file)

General No. 406

No. 47

In reply to Chief Secretary's letter No. 23386 dated 28th June 1894 (R249) SUBJECT. 20th July

Returns the enclosures of the above and states that he finds nothing in Mr. J. G. Mcdonnell's letter to modify what the Excise Commissioner has stated in his report against him.

No further notice since rep'd. file. 5/9/94

References (to be entered only in the Dewan's Office.) Rev. 27.7.94

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Excise Commissioner's Office

No 406 (encl filed) / 47 Bangalore, dated 26th July 1894 / 27

From.

The Excise Commissioner
in Mysore.

To

The Chief Secretary to the
Dewan of Mysore.

Sir

In returning herewith, a printed letter No 213, dated 8th October 1893, to your address, with its enclosures, from Mr J. G. McDonnell, Special Assistant Commissioner, received with your letter No 23386 / R. 2497, dated 28th June 1894 / 2d July 1894, I have the honor to State that I have carefully read the same, and have also re-read my report against Mr McDonnell; but I can see nothing in his letter to modify what I have stated

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stated in my said report.

2. In the concluding part of para 8 of his letter Mr McDonnell says:— "Government have since "been pleased to tell him that "he was not justified in doing so, "and directed him to cancel that "order, but I regret to say that "the Excise Commissioner has "not yet complied with the "request of Government" —

The order of Government in question runs thus:— "and the Government therefore direct the cancellation of that order". My order referred to by him, was thus cancelled by Government itself, and he was placed on certain work. Accordingly, I trust that I was correct in assuming that nothing further was required on my part.

I have the honor to be,

Sir

Your most obedient Servant

Mukerji

Excise Commissioner

for S. in Mysore